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From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Friday, Jan. 12, 1872.

At the opening of the Senate this morning, Senator WOODIN was elected President *pro tem.*, to preside whenever, during the session, the Lieutenant-Governor shall be absent. Among the new bills introduced was one by Mr. TIEMAN authorizing the Third-avenue Railroad to run palace-cars, like the one now used on the road as an experiment. The Company is required, however, to provide other cars, at the ordinary rates of fare, sufficient to accommodate the public. Mr. GRAHAM introduced a bill for a pneumatic tunnel road under Broadway, being the same that was vetoed last year by the Governor. After a brief session the Senate adjourned to Monday evening next. Mr. BENEDICT made an effort to prevent adjournment over till Monday, protesting against it as one of the abuses of the past year, but was voted down by 16 to 14.

CONFIRMATIONS.

An Executive session was held, in which the following appointments by the Governor were confirmed: CHAS. STEBBINS, of Cazenovia, Commissioner for revising the statutes of the State; ALONZO A. LAKE, of Kings County, Shore Inspector.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE ASSEMBLY.

The greater part of the session of the lower House was consumed in the discussion of a resolution to adjourn over to Monday evening. The whole subject of the propriety and utility of these adjournments during the fore part of the session from Friday to Monday was fully and somewhat earnestly debated by Messrs. ALVORD, HAWKINS, J. D. BROWN, PRINCE, JUDD, and others. Mr. PRINCE and Mr. JUDD claimed that members could spend one or two days of the early part of the session quite as profitably at home learning the wishes of their constituents, as in Albany attending sessions of one hour each day; while Mr. ALVORD and Col. HAWKINS argued that they were sent to Albany to do the work of legislation, and it was the duty of members to attend to their work every day in the week, and not crowd business off till the last few weeks of the session, and then rush bills through in such haste that they, as well as their constituents, would be ashamed of their work when they came to read it on the statute-book. The vote on the resolution, after the conclusion of the discussion, resulted in a majority of 16 against adjourning over. But no sooner had the vote been announced than requests were made by members from all parts of the House for leave of absence till Monday night; and what appeared to be a little inconsistent was the fact that a large number of those requests came from members who had just voted against the adjournment. Seeing this the mover of the resolution made a motion to reconsider the vote. This gave rise to another discussion which ended in the adoption of the resolution to adjourn over by a vote of 60 to 51. It seems to be impossible to change the old custom with regard to these weekly adjournments at the beginning of the session; and the truth is that there is generally very little work to do during the first three or four weeks, owing to the fact that the Committees are not ready to report bills for the action of the House.

INVESTIGATING QUARANTINE ABUSES.

Mr. JUDD offered a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the Committee on Commerce and Navigation to investigate, as soon as may be, the alleged abuses connected with the New-York Quarantine, and to report by bill or otherwise. *Apropos* of this subject, I am informed by Mr. WHEELER that the Committee of Seventy have under consideration a bill to remodel the whole system of quarantine legislation of New-York, including Habor-Masters, Port-Wardens, &c. The Chamber of Commerce is also engaged in perfecting legislative measures that will meet the wishes of the mercantile community on this subject.

TWEED'S "PURE AND WHOLESOME WATER SCHEME."

Mr. DYKMAN, of Putnam, introduced a bill to repeal the act of last year by which TWEED was authorized to procure an additional supply of "pure and wholesome water" for New-York, at an expense of one million dollars for the first year, and as much for the second and subsequent years, as the Tweed Legislature, had it continued in existence, could be induced (for a consideration) to vote.

JUSTICES' CLERKS.

Mr. HAUGHTON, of New-York, introduced a bill authorizing the Judges of the District Courts of that City to appoint their own clerks instead of receiving them at the hands of the Board of Supervisors, as heretofore. These clerkships have hitherto been an article of traffic with Democratic politicians, the poor clerks being obliged to pay, in some cases, as high as a thousand dollars for their appointment.

RELIEF FOR NEW-YORK.

Two important bills were offered by Mr. TWOMBLY for the financial relief of New-York. These bills are intended as substitutes for the bill presented in the Senate last week by Mr. BENEDICT, to which so much objection has been made on account of the extraordinary powers it conferred on Controller GREEN. It is said that Mr. BENEDICT'S bill has not been abandoned, and will be pressed hereafter; but, judging from the prevailing tone of criticism regarding it, there is scarcely a possibility of its passing the Legislature; and I am informed, on good authority, that the Governor would not sign it if it did pass.

THE COMMITTEE OF SEVENTY.

Mr. WHEELER has provided rooms for the Sub-committee of the Committee of Seventy, which is to be here next week with the new charter, and is to represent the Seventy in such legislation as may be proposed by them during the session. Mr. WHEELER expresses himself much pleased with the manner in which he has been received by members of the Legislature, and is confident that a very large majority of them are ready and anxious to co-operate in all reasonable measures for the reform of the New-York Municipal Government.

SAVINGS BANKS.

The Bank Superintendent's report was adverse to the incorporation of all the savings banks which have filed their applications since last session of the Legislature, with one exception, that of the Women's Half Dime Savings Bank of Brooklyn. S.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE....ALBANY, Friday, Jan. 12.

W. B. WOODIN was elected President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. AMES—Providing for appeals from the decisions of County Superintendents of the Poor.

By Mr. TIEMAN—Providing better accommodation for passengers on the Third-avenue Railroad; empowering ROBERT SQUIRES to run palace-cars at ten cents additional fare.

By Mr. GRAHAM—Amending the act of 1868, chartering the Under-ground Pneumatic Tube Railway, which is substantially the same as last year's bill.

By Mr. WOOD—Fixing the salaries of the County Judges in counties where the population does not exceed 25,000, at $1,500 per annum; 40,000, at $2,000; 55,000, at $2,500; 70,000, at $3,000; 85,000, at $3,500; 100,000, at $4,000; 115,000, at $4,500; 130,000, at $5,000; and when the population is more than 130,000, at $6,000 per annum. In any county in which there shall be a Surrogate, his salary shall be $500 less than as fixed above, and where there is no Surrogate, the County Judge shall receive $500 more than above fixed.

THE NEW-YORK CONTROLLER BILL.

On motion of Mr. BENEDICT the bill conferring additional powers upon the Controller of the City of New-York was referred to the Committee on Cities.

The Senate then adjourned till Monday evening.

ASSEMBLY.

A large number of remonstrances against placing the Erie Railway under the "control of British monopolists," were presented.

REPORTS.

By Mr. ALVORD, from the Ways and Means Committee—A resolution calling on the Adjutant-General to transmit all information as to payments to soldiers of the war of 1812.

By Mr. WHITE—A bill authorizing the Poughkeepsie and Eastern Railroad Company to cancel certain bonds and issue those of larger denominations.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. JUDD—Establishing a Board of Health in Richmond County, to enforce sanitary measures and collect vital statistics, consisting of five Commissioners, one from each town, appointed by the County Judge and Board of Supervisors. Section 5 declares the Commissioners shall perform their services gratuitously; no salaries shall be established, provided for or paid by them or by the appointing authorities, beyond the reasonable compensation allowed a clerk. Furthermore, the said Commission shall confine their expenditures to the lowest limit compatible with the enforcement of sanitary measures and the collection of vital statistics.

POWERS OF NEW-YORK OFFICERS—FINANCES.

Mr. TWOMBLY introduced a bill providing for the liquidation of the indebtedness of the City and County of New-York, as it existed on the 31st December, 1871.

It provides that the Controller, within thirty days after the passage of the act, shall make and file in the Department of Finance an estimate of the amounts required to meet the deficiencies in the Departments for 1871, and diverted from use and purposes provided for by law; and also an estimate of the amount required to pay all lawful claims for salaries, &c. All claims shall be referred to a Board of Auditors, consisting of the Controller, the Commissioner of Public Works, the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, and Chairman of the Finance Committee of Assistant Aldermen, who shall, within sixty days, audit and report the amount of every claim, and the Controller shall pay them. The Controller is authorized to collect all taxes due and unpaid to 31st December, 1871. All such moneys shall be used to pay these amounts. The Controller is further authorized to create and issue so much of consolidated stock of the City and County as may be necessary to supply any deficiency and pay claims. The sinking fund established by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty Feb. 24, 1844, is continued. The Controller is authorized to borrow money from time to time, as may be necessary, on boads, and provision is made for payment of the same.

Also, a bill conferring power on certain officers of the City of New-York, and for providing moneys for the use of said City, requires that the Mayor, or acting Mayor, Controller and Commissioner of Public Works shall together agree, within ten days after the passage of this act, upon and file an estimate of the amount necessary to carry on the business of the County and City from Jan. 1 to April 30, 1872, and for the interest on the City and County debt due May 1, 1872; and the Controller shall have power to limit the use of such amounts to purposes designated. It also makes provision as to how the money shall be paid.

He moved to refer both bills to the Committee on Cities, and that they be reported complete at the first session after adjournment.

Mr. ALVORD moved to strike out the words "report complete."

Mr. TWOMBLY accepted the amendment.

Mr. TILDEN hoped the gentlemen introducing bills would defer a day or two action on these bills. If the House adjourns today for the week, the Committee would have to sit during the recess, and it would be far better to postpone action for a few days. He moved to amend by having the report made on Wednesday next. This, after some conversation, was agreed to.

QUARANTINE ABUSES.

Mr. JUDD offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Commerce to investigate the alleged Quarantine abuses as soon as possible, and report by bill or otherwise. Adopted.

SUMS PAID OFFICIALS OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. HERRICK offered a resolution that the Controller report, as soon as possible, all sums paid to the officials of the last House. Mr. JACOBS moved an amendment to include the previous Legislature. The resolution went over, but at a later hour was called up and passed.

DISCUSSING ADJOURNMENT TILL MONDAY.

Mr. LOUGHRAN called up the resolution to adjourn over from today to Monday evening.

Mr. ALVORD called attention to the fact that the adoption of this resolution would be a departure from the inaugural address of the Speaker.

Mr. ROSE also opposed taking a recess.

Mr. TWOMBLY thought at this stage of the session nothing was to be gained by holding a session to-morrow.

Mr. ALVORD said, if there was an adjournment, it would be impossible to get a committee together to-morrow, and it was absolutely necessary to have the committees meet.

Mr. HAWKINS indorsed this view.

Mr. PRINCE said the busiest days he spent last year were spent when he went home, and met his constituents. He thought it very important that members should consult their constituents at least once a week during the first weeks of the session.

The resolution to take a recess was lost—yeas 41 to 65 nays.

THE ADJOURNMENT AGAIN.

Mr. MORTON moved to reconsider the vote against adjourning over till Monday evening.

Mr. ALVORD moved to lay the motion on the table. Lost.

Mr. ALVORD then moved an adjournment. Lost—43 to 69.

The motion to reconsider was then put and carried, when Mr. ALVORD again protested against adjourning over. The question then recurred on adjourning till Monday evening, and it was carried—yeas 60, nays 51.

EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

Mr. ALVORD presented the memorial of the Bricklayers' National Union, praying for the enforcement of an Eight-hour Labor law.

The House then adjourned till Monday evening at 7½ o'clock.

Senator Wood's Defense—The Account With the Bowling-Green Savings Bank.

The Dansville *Advertiser* publishes some correspondence between Dr. JAMES C. JACKSON, of that town, and State Senator JAMES WOOD, in reference to the published assertion that the latter deposited in the Bowling-green Savings Bank of this City over $24,000 to his own credit after he became State Senator. In his letter Mr. WOOD says:

I am obliged this morning to go to Rochester to attend Court, and I have only time to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, and to say to you that as I return I will lay before you a full explanation of that bank account. The truth is, the account is not my account, but that of another man, a friend of mine in the City of New-York, whom I was trying to assist in his business matters. I raised and deposited to my credit $10,000, because it was thought better, as he was in embarrassed circumstances, that it should be in my name rather than his. The bank-book and check-book were left with him with blank checks signed by me. Every dollar of it he drew out and invested in his business. The $5,000 was borrowed by me of a friend in this county to aid a client who was in embarrassed circumstances, and whose land was about being sold on foreclosure of mortgages. I took an assignment of the mortgages and assigned them to that friend, who now holds them as collateral security to the loan. That bank account does not show all the money raised by me or on my credit for that New-York business. The deposits made in the year 1871 came from that business and were deposited to my credit for my own benefit, and I was liable for the loan made. In short, the whole thing is a legitimate business transaction. Whether it will be a profitable one or not, peuniarily, remains to be seen. It is rather hard to parade a man's private affairs before the public, and because it is out of the usual line of his business to charge corruption. It seems to me to be more than inquisitorial. It is an outrage on private rights. I have not time now to say more. But I shall embrace the earliest opportunity to make a full explanation, which I shall ask you to have published, or allow me to publish, with your letter. I can furnish proof that will be incontestable.

Thanking you again for your letter, and the kindly sentiments toward me which it evinces, I am, with great respect, yours, &c.,

JAMES WOOD.

THE LOUISIANA ROW.

Speaker Carter Rapidly Defeating the Warmothites.

Judge Abell Vindicates Him in Court—Probability of More Trouble—Gen. Grant Refuses to Declare Martial Law.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

NEW-ORLEANS, Jan. 12.—The excitement of today appears to have centred in the First District or Criminal Court of this City. The action of Judge ABELL in relation to the dismissal of the Grand Jury, yesterday, aroused the indignation of that body, who are not quite as immaculate as CÆSAR'S wife, so last evening they met and resolved that they were not guilty of the offense with which they were charged. It has, however, leaked out that one of the Grand Jury became security for CANOUGE, one of the parties arrested for the Chester outrage, and hence no investigation into that matter took place. In reference to this subject, Judge ABELL spoke this morning, in Court, as follows:

"I wish it distinctly understood by every citizen in this State that I fully recognize the right of every citizen to feel as indignant as he pleases; and further, I recognize the right of citizens to assemble together and express their sentiments on any subject whatever. I wish every person to know that they have a right to meet and express themselves, and I will never throw the slightest obstacle in their way."

At 11 o'clock Mr. CARTER appeared at Judge ABELL'S Court and surrendered himself to Sheriff MASICOT, being immediately taken before the Judge. A motion was then made that he be discharged upon giving recognizance for his future appearance, in case it should be required. An investigation was had upon the spot in respect to the conduct of the affair before the Coroner's jury, and the fact was disclosed that the whole proceeding was a plot to implicate Mr. CARTER in the killing of WHEYLAND, hoping thereby to procure his incarceration and ultimate disgrace. At the close of the investigation, Judge ABELL pronounced the act of the Governor a clear case of conspiracy against the Speaker, and stated that the evidence clearly established that a policeman had done the killing, and if the Speaker consented he would be discharged unconditionally. But by request of Mr. CARTER, he was placed under bonds till the Grand Jury could take action in the case. It was further stated that if the Sergeant-at-Arms had indiscreetly killed WHEYLAND no responsibility could attach to Speaker CARTER. The Judge furthermore recognized Mr. CARTER as the only legitimate Speaker of the House of Representatives of Lousiana.

Mr. CARTER, on his release, was greeted with hearty cheers and other demonstrations by the people, who congratulated him upon the result. He is to address the citizens this evening on the subject of reform. It is understood that to-morrow, with the members of "his House," as it is called, Mr. CARTER will make his appearance, at 12 o'clock, at the Mechanics' Institute, demand admission, and the dispersion of the militia and police force from the hall of the House of Representatives, over which he, as the legal Speaker, has entire control. He will warn the police force and all other armed posses there to disperse. Those who refuse compliance will be considered disturbers of the peace, and treated accordingly.

The citizens here will undoubtedly aid the Speaker in maintaining what the most of them believe to be his legal rights in this affair. That there will be resistance by the Warmothites there cannot be any doubt, and then comes the death grapple for ascendency. The end of this faction fight is not yet. At the citizens' meeting last night, the majority voted to petition the President for martial law, whereat the *Picayune* is out in an article deprecating and condemning this action of the citizens. I may say here that Senator KELLOGG and Congressmen SHELDON, DARROLL and SYPHER have not been thought of or mentioned during the late troubles. The name of our distinguished United States District Judge, Hon. E. H. DURELL, has been dragged into the faction squabble by interested parties, but this gentleman has nothing whatever to do with either side.

The Warmoth Legislature today met, and one of the members, Mr. S. J. LOVER, introduced a preamble and resolution of inquiry and impeachment of Judge ABELL for his action of yesterday. The course of President GRANT in relation to the troubles here since the August Convention meets the cordial approbation of the whole people of this city and State. A very large and respectable assemblage of citizens gathered at the Clay statue on Canal-street, and were addressed by WILLIAM MONCURE and E. L. JEWELL, of the late New-Orleans *Bulletin*, in relation to the present condition of affairs. S.

The President Refuses to Declare Martial Law.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The action of the President and Cabinet today in regard to New-Orleans affairs, effectually puts an end to the slanderous misrepresentations concerning proposed interference in that State on Wednesday last, and again today dispatches were received from Mayor FLANDERS, urging the President to declare martial law in that city, and the appeal of the citizens, also forwarded by Gen. EMORY, to the same purpose, has likewise been received, but though these appeals represent a large portion of the best citizens of New-Orleans, as well as most of the United States officers in the State, it is formally decided that there is no exigency warranting the interference of the Government, and that there can be no use of the forces of the United States, save on the requisition of the legally constituted Government of the State. It may also be added that while this action is resolved upon, there is apparently no sympathy on the part of any member of the Administration with the Warmoth faction as a party. The following is the correspondence:

NEW-ORLEANS, Jan. 12.

To the President:

I must again renew and urge my request for a declaration of martial law in the parish of New-Orleans. The public mind is in a state of great excitement, suspense and alarm. Any hour may bring on a collision which would only end in a scene of bloodshed. A desire for martial law is nearly universal with the good citizens of all classes.

(Signed,) BENJ. F. FLANDERS,
Mayor of New-Orleans.

To which the President replied as follows:

"Martial law will not be proclaimed in New-Orleans under the existing circumstances, and no assistance will be given by the Federal authority to persons or parties unlawfully resisting the constituted authorities of the State."

The Pigeon-Shooting Fugitives from Justice Betake Themselves to Canada.

BUFFALO, Jan. 12.—The pigeon-shooting match between BOBARDUS and PAINE for $250 a side, to kill fifty birds each, at twenty-five yards rise, with one and a quarter ounces of shot, and fifty birds each, at thirty yards rise, with one ounce of shot, which was interrupted by Mr. BERGH, President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, at New-York, took place today at GRANT WARREN'S farm, in Canada, opposite this city. The driving park in this city had been leased for the occasion, and assurances given that there should be no interruption, but fearing the laws the parties concluded to go to a mere "liberal" country across the border. On the first shot at 25 yards rise, PAINE killed 25 out of 50; BOGARDUS 40 out of 50. On the second match, at 30 yards rise, PAINE killed 25 out of 50, and BOGARDUS 26 out of 50. A strong wind prevailed directly away from the shooters, which rendered the shooting very difficult.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The New Loan—Corrections—The Republican National Committee—Postal Contracts and the Slanderers of the Postmaster-General.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Mr. JAY COOKE, who is spending a few days in this city as the guest of his brother, Gov. COOKE, was before the Ways and Means Committee today, and made an argument in favor of paying the interest on the loan in Europe. In this connection it may be stated that the reported propositions for the balance of the loan has not been correctly given in any of the dispatches from here. The disposition of not more than one hundred millions additional of the five per cents is proposed for 1872, the rest of the fives and two hundred millions of the four and a half per cents to follow during 1873. The Ways and Means Committee of the House will make a very early report on the subject with reference to which Mr. BOUTWELL was before it yesterday, possibly next week. The report will sustain the Secretary in his interpretation of the law for the refunding of the debt, and his arrangements with the syndicate by which the $200,000,000 of the new bonds were disposed of last Summer.

MR. GREELEY AND THE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

A good many comments are made respecting the absence of Mr. GREELEY from the meeting of the National Republican Committee, yesterday, of which he is a member. Some curiosity is expressed as to whether he will allow his name to be appended to the call for a Convention which was adopted by the Committee.

THE LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS.

Secretary BOUTWELL was before the Appropriations Committee of the House today in regard to certain features of the Legislative bill. The Committee have decided to omit the appropriations for the branch mints at Carson City, Nevada and Charlotte, N. C.

THE SESSION OF THE HOUSE.

The brief session of the House, today, was as uninteresting as the consideration of private bills could make it. The Committees being called through on these, and the morning hour having expired, FERNANDO WOOD moved an adjournment, to which no one objected, as it was understood to be the desire of the Foreign Affairs Committee, which is still behind with its Fisheries bill.

POSTAL CONTRACTS.

Those persons who are circulating charges of corruption and favoritism upon the Post-office Department, in the letting of the contracts, are well answered by a statement of the following facts: In respect to the routes in connection with which the charges are made, the annual cost of the transportation of the mails has been decreased since 1868 from $27 59 per mile to $19 85 per mile. The increase in the length of the various routes has been 5,119 miles, and the aggregate cost has nevertheless been reduced from $3,000,310 to $2,504,901, a reduction of one-sixth in the aggregate, and per mile of almost two-sevenths. This saving would have been still greater but for the system of straw bidding which has come in vogue. It is opposition to the passage of laws which will prevent fictitious bidding in future, and the hope that an onslaught on the Department will defeat the pending bills on that subject, which has drawn from the swindling bidders recent attacks in such papers as they could command.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

There is much misunderstanding in regard to the details of the reform in the civil service, contemplated by the rules adopted by the President. It is seriously supposed by many persons that there will be advertisements and examinations for every vacancy that may occur. But the Board contemplate holding stated meetings for examinations, under a general notice at specified points, and at inconsiderable expense. There has been a great deal of comment against the scheme, founded upon the erroneous impression that vacancies in the Departments at Washington will be filled from the District of Columbia, or from States adjacent to the capital. Therefore, Representative WILSON, of Indiana, has introduced a bill to guard against such a result. But one of the first subjects which was considered by the Advisory Board was the proper distribution of these offices throughout the country. The result of its action will be that the Washington positions will be more equally distributed than heretofore. There are probably few objections of any kind which the Advisory Board has not considered, and for which, when they reassemble, they will not provide.

BANQUET TO THE FRIENDS OF INDIANS.

The Secretary of the Interior this evening entertained at his residence the Board of Indian Commissioners and other gentlemen interested in the civilization of the Indian race, including Senators CORBETT, STEVENSON and WILSON, Representatives GARFIELD and SMITH, of Ohio; Gen. WALKER, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; Rev. Dr. NEWMAN and Ex-Gov. CLAFLIN, of Massachusetts. President GRANT was also present.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Jan. 12.

The House proceeded to the call of committees for reports of a private character, and a large number of pension bills were reported by Mr. MOORE, of Illinois, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and passed.

Bills were also reported from the Committee on Patents, and passed, as follows:

Allowing an application to be made for extension of patent to WILLIAM and COLEMAN SELLERS, of Philadelphia, for an improvement in couplings for shafting.

Also a like bill in the case of IRA BUCKMAN, Jr., for a walking-stick gun.

Mr. ELLIS H. ROBERTS, of New-York, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill crediting JACOB WEART, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fifth District of New-Jersey, with $517 for stamps stolen from his office. Passed.

Bills reported from the Judiciary Committee were passed as follows:

To relieve the sureties on the official bond of GREEN W. CALDWELL, late Superintendent of the branch mint at Charlotte, N. C., to pay the heirs of JAMES MCCLEARY, deceased representative elect from Louisiana, one session's mileage, and his salary as member from the 4th of March, 1871, to the 5th of November, 1871.

MR. CRESSWELL ASKS AN INVESTIGATION.

Mr. FARNSWORTH, of Illinois, offered a resolution directing the Post-office Committee to inquire into the contracts recently made for the transportation of mails, with power to send for persons and papers. He stated that the Post-master-General requested the investigation. Adopted. The House then at 1¼, adjourned till Monday.

GEORGIA.

Inauguration of Gov. Smith—Repudiation Not to be Thought of.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 12.—Gov. SMITH was inaugurated today. The Capitol was crowded and the inaugural address was well received. The Governor recited the duties required of his office, and said he had come to the chair in response to the call of the people after a long and cheerless night of misrule. He said he intended to stand faithfully by the Constitution and the laws, and to carry out the objects of all civil governments. He is against the abuse of the pardon power. The Chief Magistrate must not only call around him honest men, but must have his own hands clean. He alludes to the debt created by Ex-Gov. BULLOCK, and asserts that Georgia will pay all her legal indebtedness, and that repudiation is not dreamed of. He concludes by congratulating the people upon the auspicious state of affairs.

THE FLORIDA CASE.

Affidavit of Her Officers Touching the Spanish Outrage.

Full Details of the Affair—What the Spanish Officers Really Did—Two Vessels Board the Florida.

The following is the sworn affidavit of the master and officers of the steam-ship *Florida*, as made by them in the City of Charleston on the 9th inst., touching the action of the Spanish man-of-war in firing at and subsequently boarding that steamer while flying the United States flag. The details will be found interesting:

United States of America, State of South Carolina, City and County of Charleston: Be it known, that on this the ninth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, before me, WM. H. HERIOT, a notary public, duly admitted, commissioned and sworn, under the authority of the said State, and dwelling and practicing in the City of Charleston aforesaid, personally appeared GEORGE MITCHELL, master of the steam-ship called the *Florida*, of New-York, of the burden of 514 tons or thereabouts, (of which vessel FRANCIS DARE, of New-York, is the registered owner,) who brings with him James F. Mitchell, first mate; John Wittington, second mate; Jethro Wiblin, steward; George Simmons, cook; William Howard, Ephraim Andrews, John Burns, seamen, all of and belonging to the said steam-ship; and the said appearers being by me, the said notary, duly sworn, according to law, did severally declare and say for the truth as follows, viz.:

That on Thursday, the 14th day of December, now last past, they, the said appearers, in their respective capacities above named, together with the rest of the ship's company, did depart under sail (the propeller being broken off, could not use the engine,) in and with the said steamship, from the port of St. Thomas, West Indies, laden in ballast, and bound for the port of New-York.

That on that day, at 5 o'clock A. M., they hove short, and set forsail and mainsail. At 6 o'clock A. M. steam-tug came alongside and took the ship's hawser, when they weighed anchor and proceeded to sea. At 7 A. M. the steam-tug cast off their line and they made all sail. At 8 o'clock A. M. the Spanish war vessel *Vasco Nunes de Balboa*, which had been watching the *Florida* while in port, was then seen passing Water Island under steam and sail, directly in their track. At 10½ A. M. the war steamer, which bore east, north-east, distant three miles, clewed up her sails and came down on the *Florida*. At 10:40 A. M. smoke of a steam vessel was seen to windward, when the war steamer hauled to the northward, in a parallel course with that of the *Florida*. The strange steamer proved to be the Halifax and St. Thomas mail-boat. The war steamer then bore down on the *Florida*, with her crew at quarters, and guns run out ready for action. When the war steamer was in speaking distance, she fired a blank shot at the *Florida*, and lowered a boat nearly to the water's edge. The said master had the United States flag hoisted on the *Florida*, and took no further notice of the hostile demonstration. Ten minutes after firing the first gun the war steamer fired a second gun, and appearers saw the shot ricochet astern of the *Florida*. The *Florida* was then hove to, and a cutter from the war steamer came toward them, the Western Isle of the Virgin group bearing south-east quarter east, distant ten miles. That on Friday, the 15th, at seven minutes past noon, (nautical time,) a boat from the *Vasco Nunes de Balboa* came alongside, and an officer and interpreter came on board the *Florida* and requested to see her papers, which were shown to them by said master, and, after examining, the officer returned them. He then asked permission to go through the between-decks, and the said master, considering that it would be useless to contend against the superior force, acquiesced. The said officer then went from the cabin through between-decks and came out of the fore hatchway, having gone through the ship from aft forward. Said officer and interpreter then went away, telling said master he could proceed on his voyage. They then set all possible sail on the *Florida*, and proceeded on their course toward New-York. At 2 P. M., light winds from the eastward and fine weather, the war steamer keeping them company. At 4 P. M., stowed anchors and boat, the *Vasco Nunes de Balboa* still in company. At 9 P. M., lost sight of the *Vasco Nunes de Balboa's* light astern.

That thereafter they proceeded on in the diligent prosecution of their said intended voyage, without anything worthy of note occurring on board of said vessel until Thursday, the 21st day of said December, shortly after midnight, when in a heavy squall from the north-west the ship drove a very heavy lurch and plunge, which carried away their foretopmast. At 2 A. M. they had a very heavy sea, the ship laboring and straining greatly and making water. The pumps properly attended to. They succeeded in saving the wreck and rigging of the foretopmast. The weather became moderate, but with a heavy sea still running. They were ship to the westward.

That Friday, the 22d, commenced with a moderate breeze and a very heavy sea running, ship laboring and rolling greatly. At 1 P. M., finding the ship was quite unmanageable in her disabled state, bore away for Nassau, where they arrived on the morning of the 24th of said December, being towed into the port on account of bad winds.

Having repaired damages, on Saturday, the 30th of said December, they sailed from Nassau and proceeded on their intended voyage to New-York, the Spanish gun-boat *Descubridor* following the ship out of port. At 9½ A. M., when distant about one mile from the *Florida*, the gun-boat fired a blank shot. The national flag was then hoisted on the *Florida*. At 9:40 A. M. the Spanish gun-boat fired a shot, which came whistling through the air across the *Florida's* stern, and falling in the water some 200 or 300 yards distant. They then backed the foretopsail and hove the ship to. At 10½ A. M. an officer from the said gun-boat came alongside the *Florida* in a boat, with a boat's crew, all armed. The officer came on board the *Florida* and requested to see her papers, which were shown him. He read them and returned them to said master. He then asked permission to go through between decks, to which the said master, having no power to resist, assented. At 10½ o'clock the officer left the *Florida*, and they made all sail and proceeded on their voyage toward New-York.

That on Sunday, the 31st, at 6 A. M., Abaco Island in sight, they found that the rudder post was loose and working badly. They secured it in the best possible manner and continued on their voyage.

That on Tuesday, the 2d of January, inst., they had fresh gales and heavy seas, and they shortened sail as prudence required. They found the rudder post working badly in the socket; secured it as well as possible.

That Wednesday, the 3d of January, came in with a strong gale from north-east and cloudy weather, accompanied by a very heavy sea, ship laboring greatly. At 1½ P. M., one of the bolts of the iron stern-post parted, followed by the parting of the other three bolts at intervals of one to two minutes each. Shortened sail immediately, and all hands were employed getting the rudder clear of the ship. At 2 P. M. the rudder broke off close up to the stern, leaving the ship rudderless and in the trough of the sea. The crew were then employed rigging a temporary rudder from a spare mainyard.

At 6 A. M., temporary rudder being finished, they rigged it over the stern and steered the ship with tackles. At 10 A. M. got soundings in eighteen fathoms water, and for the safety of the ship and their lives shaped their course to Charleston, where they arrived the next day, Thursday, the 4th of January instant.

George Mitchell, master; J. F. Mitchell, first mate; John Whittington, second mate; Jethro Wiblin, steward; George Simons, cook; William Howard, seaman; Ephraim Andrews, (his mark,) seaman; John Burns, seaman.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the said notary, the day and year first before written.

[L. s.] WILLIAM B. HERIOT, Notary Public.

THE COAL QUESTION.

Cessation of the Troubles—The W. B. A. A Failure—Work Resumed in the Mines.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

SCRANTON, Jan. 12.—The disruption of the W. B. A. is an accomplished fact. The Welsh and English miners are arrayed against the Irish. Catholicism has been defeated, and the Protestants ignore the existence of a W. B. A. The delegates belonging to the three large companies refused to attend the General Council at Mahanoy; their hatred and contempt for JAMES KEALY, the President, being the chief reason.

Every mine in and around this city is being worked at present, with every prospect of so continuing. The miners of the Wilkesbarre Iron and Coal Company will resume work on Monday. The were compelled to succumb to the reduction demanded by the Company.

THE TWEED CASE.

Arguments, Yesterday, in the Supreme Court by Mr. Burrill, Mr. O'Conor and David Dudley Field.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 12.—The Tweed case came up in the Supreme Court this morning. On the 26th of October last Judge LEARNED granted an order holding TWEED to bail in the sum of $1,000,000. A motion on behalf of TWEED was made to Judge LEARNED on the order of arrest and the papers on which it was granted and on the summons, complaint and demurrer to reduce the bail. Such motion was denied by an order entered Dec. 5 last. From that order the present appeal is taken.

MR. BURRILL'S ARGUMENT.

Mr. JOHN E. BURRILL, of counsel for TWEED, opened the argument. Judge LEARNED founds his denial of motion upon the fact that no affidavits were presented on the part of TWEED, and this circumstance he considered sufficient to justify him in refusing to vacate the order of arrest or to reduce the amount of bail. Mr. BURRILL argued that the practice was in cases like the present for the Court not to try the merits of the action, and that the truth of the allegations in the complaint will not be tried collaterally or upon affidavit, but only on a trial of issues raised in the answer, so that had the defendant denied most emphatically every allegation in the complaint, such denial could not have availed him. Counsel's next point was that the bail required was unusual and unreasonable and not warrantable or justified by the facts of the case. He submitted that in every view of the case it was excessive. The State Constitution provides that "excessive bail should not be required;" a similar provision is found in the Constitution of the United States. The prohibition is applicable equally to civil as to criminal cases. Formerly the right to hold to bail existed in action for debt. Great changes have taken place during the past twenty-five years on this subject. CHITTY says that Magistrates must take care lest, under the pretense of demanding sufficient surety, they make bail so excessive a requisition as in effect to amount to a denial of bail. The friendly jailers of an individual who bailed him in 50s. will vigilantly guard their prisoner. If the amount is raised to $100,000, how much more is the vigilance to be increased? If to $200,000 how much more? In two capital cases, one reported by BARBER and the other by PARKER, bail was fixed at $5,000. During the past twenty years the highest sum exacted for bail in a civil case was $250,000. Those who go bail for a party have the right to arrest him. They may take him in all places and surrender him in case he fails in his obedience to the process of the Court. This power has been given to bail for the purpose of encouraging men to incur responsibility as bail with a view to the release from arrest of citizens and the liberty of which citizens the law always favors. The bail in the present case is excessive, in view of the penalties and punishment to which the defendant is liable. The worst that can happen TWEED, in case judgment is recovered, is that he be imprisoned in the County jail or within jail liberties for three months, when, on petition and ten days' notice, he may be discharged from imprisonment under the Insolvent law. Counsel then cited the cases of Col. BURR and JEFERSON DAVIS. The former was bailed in $10,000 and the latter in $100,000. Bail was exacted in DAVIS' case by a Judge not likely to underestimate his crimes. The Sheriff of the County of New-York was responsible for defendant until bail justified, has his bond fixed at only $20,000—a fact which goes to show the unreasonableness of the claim for bail made in this case. To justify the large amount of bail demanded from the defendant, not a single fact is set up in the plaintiff's affidavit, except those claimed to constitute the cause of action. The counsel then argued at length that the complaint failed to show that the defendant has been guilty of any such acts as to justify bail in a million of dollars. The charge against TWEED is that he was President of the Board of Supervisors and a member of the Board of Audit, and that the latter passed a resolution that the evidence of the correctness of bills should be the certificate of the Clerk or President of the Board of Supervisors. There was nothing improper in the resolution. The Supervisors were properly charged with this duty. If the Board of Audit passed only such claims as passed the Supervisors, could it be expected to require further proof? The complaint states that every claim was authenticated as required. The duties of the defendant were of a judicial character, and, if he erred, it was an error of judgment.

ARGUMENT OF CHARLES O'CONOR.

Mr. O'CONOR replied. He had already argued the question of County and State jurisdiction. In reply to one argument, we deny that the County of New-York ever was a body corporate, capable of suing and being sued. He then contended that the amount of bail was not excessive, the provisions of the Constitution on this subject applies to criminal actions only, and if it applied to civil actions, the question would still have to be asked, what is excessive? The amount of bail was fixed by defendant's liability. Perhaps, on general principles, the bail should have been very large—at $5,000,000. Mr. O'CONOR then spoke of the gist of the case, and characterized the evidence proving TWEED'S guilt as overpowering in its strength. No one defended him, not even WILLIAM M. TWEED. Counsel then recited the facts of the deposit and drafts to correspond at the Broadway Bank. The technical difficulties in the complaint, if such exist, can be remedied by amendment: they have no effect to work the release of this defendant. Mr. O'CONOR then stated in brief the points of the argument which he elaborated last week in the Connolly case, as to the right of the people of the State to bring this action.

MR. FIELD'S REJOINDER.

Mr. DAVID DUDLEY FIELD rejoined. He devoted his hour to consideration of two points:

First.—Is the amount of bail excessive, supposing there is a cause of action?

Second.—Have the people any right to bring this action? As to the first point, Mr. FIELD'S argument was substantially the same as that presented to Jud

THE CUSTOM-HOUSE.

Yesterday's Proceedings of the Congressional Investigating Committee.

Complaint of H. B. Claflin—The Tabular Statement of Collectorships Past and Present—Mr. Murphy's Record of Collections.

The Committee of Investigation met yesterday at the Astor House. Senator BUCKINGHAM presided. The session commenced by an examination of letters and papers sent to the Committee. One was a communication from a Boston house exposing the evil policy of placing a tax upon raw materials used in home manufactures. The next of interest was the following letter from Messrs. H. B. CLAFLIN & Co.:

NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1872.

To the Honorable Committee of Investigation:

GENTLEMEN: We beg to call your attention to the frequent loss we sustain by having goods taken from our cases while in the custody of the Custom-house. We have just had notice from our hosiery department that one dozen silk scarfs, contained in case [40-4] No. 446, per steamer *Abyssinia*, arrived Jan. 2, 1872. This case is reported at the public store as having been received in "bad order." We have not succeeded as yet in obtaining the inspector's receipt; which would indicate clearly as to whetner the goods were delivered to the public-store cartmen in good order or not. Our impression is, however, that in this, as in all preceding cases, the goods will be found to have left the dock in good order. We also beg to inclose you copy of our letter to Gen. PALMER, dated May 27, 1870.

Respectfully, H. B. CLAFLIN & CO.

[Inclosure.]

NEW-YORK, May 27, 1870.

SIR: We desire to call your attention to the inclosed letter, referring to case F. 132, per steamer *Lafayette*.

In regard to stolen goods we have never been able to obtain the least satisfaction from the Government, neither have we ever heard of the thief or thieves being detected, although we have reported numerous cases. Hoping that you may be fortunate enough to trace out the guilty ones, we bring the present case to your notice.

The facts in most of the previous cases have been as follows: The Inspectors' records have shown that the goods on the ship goods passed through with their hands in good order, and were properly marked and set aside as public store packages, and yet when those goods arrived at the public store, they were marked "Received in bad order," because they bore evidence of having been tampered with. From a constant repetition of just such cases, we have concluded that, through improper supervision after the goods are in the hands of the Government, and known as public store packages, they are stolen on the dock, or else they are stolen while in transit from dock to the public store. The belief generally entertained that the goods are stolen about the vessel is not shared in to any extent by us, as our experience has shown that we have never had goods stolen from any but public store packages. Many of our goods are "Special Orders," and a failure to deliver them at the specified time, or if the order is any way incomplete, may result in the cancellation of the order. Such is our position in the present case. Hoping you will give the matter your earnest attention, we remain, respectfully,

H. B. CLAFLIN & CO.

Gen. PALMER, United States Appraiser.

The following statement was next presented by the Chairman and read by the Assistant Secretary:

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF REMOVALS WITH THE NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING-NAMED COLLECTORS:

Collectors.	Removals as per Abstract.	Under Collector.	Term of Office.	No. of Persons employed.	No. of Persons Removed.	Per-centage of Removals about.
A	490	Schell	4 years	861	87	
B		Barney	3½ years	702	525	75
C		Draper	1 year	776	117	15
D		Smythe	3 years	903	820	87½
E		Cornell	6 months	1,892	510	27
F		Murphy	18 months	923	333	36½

ABSTRACT OF COLLECTIONS AND COST OF COLLECTING THE REVENUE UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIONS OF THE ABOVE-NAMED COLLECTORS.

Fiscal Year.	Collectors.	Receipts.	Expenses of Collection.	Percentage for Collecting.
1857-58	A. Schell.			
1858-59		$120,066,945 39	$4,389,023 23	3.88½
1859-60				
1860-61	H. Barney.			
1861-62		165,826,156 31	4,804,555 12	2.90
1862-63				
1863-64	S. Draper.			
1864-65		61,724,284 52	2,002,608 74	3.24
1865-66	H. A. Smythe.			
1866-67				
1867-68		325,283,738 75	6,390,863 40	1.96
1868-69 (9 months)	M. H. Grinnell.			
April 1, 1869, to June 30, 1870	T. Murphy.	178,983,285 41	2,852,532 16	1.59
July 1, 1870, to Nov. 30, 1871		202,790,074 82	3,147,963 16	1.55

After the discussion of this tabular document, it was agreed that the Assistant Collector of the Port, Mr. C. P. CLINCH, should be heard in place of Mr. VAN CLEFT, whose duties made it difficult for him to attend. Accordingly Mr. CLINCH was called as the first witness, and testified in detail as to the workings of the Custom-house, and the opportunities for collusion between officials and merchants, which he stated were so great that in the American system it was hardly possible to detect it unless by some accident. In the English system it was hardly possible because the Government took charge of the whole thing, had its own docks and its own stores, and regulated the whole proceedings.

By Senator Stewart—Did not the American Government do so once? A.—Yes; but there was a hue and cry among the merchants that the Government was interfering in the business of the private warehouses.

Q.—When was the business of the General Order stores turned over to private parties? A.—In 1854.

Q.—Do you recollect when the Cunard and Hoboken steamers obtained that privilege? A.—No, I do not; but they held it until Mr. GRINNELL'S time.

Q.—Do you remember what were the reasons of that Collector for taking it away? A.—He held that it was unconstitutional, and that the custody of unclaimed goods was a sovereign act, which could not be transmitted to aliens. I want the Committee to understand that until 1854 no person ever dreamed that such custody could possibly be given to any one outside of the Custom-house officials.

Q.—Do you think the system of allowing the Cunard and other lines to have such stores as safe for the revenues of the country as the system before 1854? A.—I don't think it would, because in the latter system the stores were in the hands of officials sworn to protect the revenues, and protected by a special and trusty Police force.

Q.—Do you know anything of the present General Order store? A.—No; I was never in it.

Q.—Can the Collector put as many inspectors as he pleases in the store? A.—He can, but the number being limited he can hardly take them away from their special ship duties. For that reason a class of clerks, called deputy-store-keepers, was called into existence, and they do the duty.

Q.—Who pays these deputy-store-keepers? A.—The person who keeps the store.

Q.—If the Collector appointed a special Police force, who would pay for that? A.—I suppose the Government would; unless there was some special agreement.

Q.—Does the present system cost the Government anything? A.—I believe not; neither does it receive one dime from that source.

Q.—Do you know anything about the charges? A.—No; I do not.

Q.—Can you suggest any remedy for the abuses spoken of in the General Order store? A.—I believe the only remedy would be to give the merchant five days to get his goods instead of forty-eight hours.

Q.—Who objects to that? A.—The great steamship lines, of course.

Q.—What would be the result of such a remedy? A.—They would be compelled to have one or two additional steamers.

By Senator Bayard—Is there any other remedy, supposing that the steamers were allowed to unload immediately? A.—None, unless the Government had its own docks and stores.

By Senator Stewart—Could they have that without great expense? A.—They could not, for the reason that the Government owns no territory on which to build, and there is no place where they could build except on the Battery. They even have to hire the building used now for a Barge-office.

Q.—Do you think in spite of the expense that Government should own its own stores? A.—Yes; I am certainly of that opinion.

Q.—Do you know anything of political removals in the Custom-house? A.—I do not. I can only state that I am not of the same party as the present Administration, but I have never been removed.

By Senator Casserly—All parties have respected your value, since you have been there so long? A.—I am happy to think that I may be of value to the country.

Q.—Do you know anything about the Blatchford frauds? A.—Only from hearsay. I do not consider it so much a fraud on the Custom-house as a fraud on the Treasury.

Q.—But he was an official in the Custom-house? A.—Certainly; but the money obtained by fraud came from the Treasury.

Q.—I understand you to say that for revenue purposes goods would not, or, rather, were not as secure in the stores of the Cunard steamer as in the present stores of LEET & Co.? A.—I think they would not be according to the view I take of the matter.

Q.—What do you consider were the greater elements of security in the one than in the other? A.—The presence of the deputy store-keeper.

Q.—In the Cunard store, was there not also a deputy store-keeper? A.—There was.

Q.—Why, then, is there a greater degree of security in LEET & STOCKING? A.—I do not wish to say that there was.

Q.—Did you ever hear of any cases of smuggling in either the Cunard or the German Steamship Companies' storehouses? A.—I do not remember to have heard of any.

Q.—Who designates the United States General Order store? A.—The Collector.

Q.—Is there any other United States officer besides a deputy store-keeper in the store? A.—I believe not.

Q.—Is that the only security that the Government has? A.—I believe there is an inspector of bonded warehouses.

Q.—Now has the system of LEET & STOCKING any greater security than the Cunard and Hoboken stores? A.—I believe Mr. GRINNELL considered they were not, in the hands of Americans.

Q.—Then it turned entirely upon the question of these people being foreigners, did it not? A.—No; I suppose it turned upon the state of Mr. GRINNELL'S mind, but I have no doubt that consideration was then in his mind.

Q.—Can any Justice of the Peace redress any grievance in the General Order business? A.—I don't know whether he can or not, but it was the law when I first became acquainted with the details of the Custom-house.

By Senator Pratt—When did the Cunard and Hoboken Steam-ship lines get that privilege of General Order stores? A.—I think in 1854 or 1855.

Q.—And it lasted how long? A.—Until Mr. GRINNELL in 1869.

Q.—Did the Collector ever receive and pocket the charges on the General Order storage? A.—Yes, Sir, that was at one time the practice.

Q.—Was it a part of the obligation of men who kept bonded warehouses to pay for goods abstracted when in their custody? A.—They have been sued, but I do not know that they ever have paid.

Q.—And in the General Order stores? A.—They are at the risk of the owner. The Collector has never paid, though he has been asked to do so.

Q.—What do you know about the charges for storage? A.—Mr. MURPHY fixed a rate when he was Collector, which was accepted by the City.

Q.—Are those charges higher or lower than they were? I don't know, but the price of everything has increased, and I should presume the charges would also.

By Senator Bayard—How does a man act who wishes to establish a bonded warehouse? A.—He petitions the Secretary, has the warehouse examined by the underwriters, gets a certificate from them to the effect that there is need of storage, and submits his papers to the Secretary. That is all, I believe.

Q.—And then a United States warehouse officer is appointed? A.—Yes, a deputy store-keeper.

Q.—He is paid by the warehouse owner, at what rate? A.—Four dollars a day, I believe.

Q.—Can you state any reason why goods on which Government duties have to be collected should be more secure in one warehouse or another when the Government has its officers in both? A.—There would be more security in the warehouses where there were most Government officials.

But where the number is the same, would there not be the same security? A.—I presume there would.

Q.—At the time that this order was made by Mr. GRINNELL was there any steamer flying the American flag? A.—There was not.

Q.—Is there now? A.—There is not.

Q.—Is not the General Order storage in the hands of a single firm? A.—On the North River side the Collector, I understand, has so decided, but I never saw any order on the subject.

Q.—Is it not very profitable? A.—I think it is by far the most valuable perquisite in the gift of the Collector.

Q.—Are bonded warehouses, which are designated as General Order stores, so ordered in writing? A.—It is by the order of the Collector, but I cannot tell whether it is in writing or otherwise.

Q.—Of what bureau are you the head? A.—I believe I, as Assistant Collector, am empowered to exercise the same duties as the Collector. I have, however, nothing to do with appointments.

Q.—The Collector reserves that in his own hands? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Well, what else? A.—I write the letters of the sixth, seventh and eighth divisions, and have in my charge all the correspondence of those divisions with the Secretary.

Q.—Then the practical working of the Custom-house, as shown in the correspondence, came before you? A.—Yes, Sir.

By Senator Pratt—At the time when the Cunard and Hoboken Steam-ship lines enjoyed the General Order franchise, was there any complaint of unjust preference from the other steam-ship lines? A.—I never heard of it, but I dare say there was.

Q.—If the franchise is restored to them, should not all the other lines share in it? A.—Most certainly.

Q.—If any one is overcharged by LEET & STOCKING, what remedy is there? A.—They make complaint to the Collector, and the case is examined into.

Senator HOWE here made a remark that he would like to have fuller justice from Senator CASSERLY and his colleague in the matter of the information he received from outsiders. It was being brought into the record on every occasion that he, Senator HOWE, was receiving assistance and suggestions in the interrogations he put to witnesses. He, alluded specially to the case of Gen. PALMER, and to a suggestion which Senator CASSERLY had sought to leave on the record, that Gen. PALMER was being indirectly examined by Mr. BLISS. Senator HOWE objected that the question should have been whether the witness understood that the last question had been prompted by Mr. BLISS. Senator CASSERLY repelled the idea that he had sought to make any intimation that the examination of Gen. PALMER was being indirectly made by Mr. BLISS, and spoke in general terms of his desire to act with perfect fairness.

Senator HOWE to the witness—When was the charge made of which you spoke in your statement concerning the General Order storage? A.—In the year 1854.

Q.—Was it the practice under that law of discharging all goods under General Order? A.—It was with certain stipulations.

Q.—Has there been any legislation on that subject since 1854? A.—None that I remember.

Q.—Under what construction, then, does the merchant claim forty-eight hours? A.—There was another act in 1861, which was applicable both to steam-ships and sailing-vessels, and I think that bounty of forty-eight hours was given them. I should have said before that the act of 1854 applied only to steam-ships.

Q.—Is there not the same supervision in General Order stores as in bonded warehouses by a Government official? A.—Of course.

Q.—Now you suggested as a remedy for the evils claimed as existing in the present system that five days should be given to the merchant; is it not a fact that when the law, in 1799, gave fifteen days, there was always a remnant of goods unclaimed which went to General Order stores? A.—Yes, but in the practical working of the unlading, and in the notice the merchant receives now, the five days now would be the same as fifteen then.

Q.—But would five days be sufficient to unlade vessels of the largest size? A.—It would.

Q.—You have spoken of the force employed in the Custom-house; do you state that the number of inspectors and deputies is unlimited? A.—It is left to the discretion of the Collector.

Q.—Could you give such data as would lead to the limitation of the force? A.—Not unless you could limit the importations.

Q.—Do the importations fluctuate so greatly as to make that practically impossible? A.—Not that I know of, but it would not be safe to take from the Collector his present power.

Q.—Do you know whether the force is greater or less than it should be? A.—I do not.

Q.—What did you state the rate of the Deputy Storekeepers' pay to be? A.—I said it was four dollars a day, but I have since learned that it is sometimes only three.

Q.—What information can you give us about what is called "constructive storage?" A.—I believe it dates from the time when the Government had stores of its own; it said to the merchants "we have built stores for you, now you ask permission to make your ship the store-house; how are we to get our rent; pay us halt;" I fancy that was the way it originated.

Q.—Is it still in force? A.—I believe not; I fancy it was carried into Court, and that the legal decision was against the practice.

Q.—Do you consider it would be to the advantage of the Government to have docks and stores of its own? A.—I think it would.

Q.—Do you think it would be to the advantage of the merchants? A.—I think not; I think it would delay operations by circumlocution.

Q.—What circumlocution? A.—If the merchant could get his goods as easily from the warehouse as from the ship's side, there would be no delay, but I do not think he would.

Q.—Well, why not? A.—Well, for one thing, the United States has no territory, and might not get the consent of the State.

Q.—But if room were to be found, then do you consider that it would be disadvantageous to the merchant? A.—No, not if with your proviso that there should be no delay, no circumlocution.

Q.—Now, one word more about the General Order business; has any wrong been done to the mercantile community by the transfer of the General Order goods from one side of the river to the other? A.—I cannot conceive of any if there was no increase in the charges; there may also be a feeling of patronage of the importer for the storekeeper.

Q.—Do you know A. T. STEWART? A.—He is my brother-in-law.

Q.—Do you know his opinions on the subject? A.—I believe I am acquainted with them.

Q.—Do you mean to say that the greater danger of loss which he spoke of was well founded? A.—I do not.

Q.—Do you consider that there is more security from loss in a dozen General Order stores than in one? A.—No, I do not. I think, on the contrary, there is less.

Q.—I think you said that one of Mr. GRINNELL'S reasons for withdrawing the General Order franchise from the other side was that they were foreigners who held it? A.—That was one, and I think his countrymen shared his opinion.

Q.—Do you think that the fact of the foreign competitors having driven our flag from the ocean any reason why they should also be custodians of the goods which they bring here as carriers? A.—I think for that reason that it is our right to be the custodians.

By Senator Bayard—With regard to constructive storage, do you think that a man whose goods never went to a store should be charged for half storage? A.—It was a compromise. If the Secretary had insisted that the goods should be brought on shore he would have been compelled to pay the whole. He not only got the relief from that, but he also paid only half storage.

Q.—Who watched the goods? A.—A representative of the Government, or the ordinary Police of the City.

Q.—Was there any additional expense entailed on the Government? A.—There was, in this way: The Government had hired expensive stores——

Q.—But you must excuse me. Does the Government hire any stores now? A.—Not that I know of.

Q.—Under what law can the Government then demand storage for stores which they do not possess? A.—I presume under the general law of 1854. I am not justifying the practice, but it may be defended on the ground of the relief given to the merchant from unlading his goods.

Q.—What do you know about night permits? A.—It was a privilege given to the steamers, but it was in gross violation of the law which, says distinctly that no package shall be landed after sunset, on which the duties were not paid. Mr. MURPHY pointed this out to the Secretary, and after he succeeded in convincing him of the truth of his views there were no more night permits issued.

By Senator Casserly—Don't you think that a merchant is guided more in the storage of his goods by his own interests than by any feeling of patronage? A.—I suppose he goes where he is best treated.

By the Chairman—Do you know if the services of any of the officials in the Custom-house can be dispensed with? A.—I do not know; that is a matter on which you had better consult Mr. JAMES.

By Mr. Casserly—Who has the charge of entering ships and granting general orders? A.—That is in the Fourth Division.

Q.—How soon can that be given? A.—As soon as the telegram arrives from Sandy Hook.

This concluded the testimony of Mr. CLINCH.

Senator STEWART here suggested that some time must be named when the officials of the Custom-house should be called up and allowed to state their side of the question. He therefore desired that an arrangement should be made by which all sides of the question should be heard. Senators CASSERLY and BAYARD declared that, as far as they were concerned, there was no side, and that if anything like a side was introduced, then they would no longer sit in that Committee.

Senator STEWART rejoined that he would say nothing of sides, but he would say this, that where accusations were brought against any men, an opportunity for defense should be permitted.

Senator HOWE said that he thought it would be easy to settle the question, by confining the attention of the Committee to one thing at a time. First, for instance, examining the General Order question; and when Senator CASSERLY proposed that Mr. SCHWAB, of the North German Lloyds, should be heard, though not subpœnaed, he for one willingly agreed, because it was akin to the matter in hand. The question of hearing Mr. JAMES in the same matter was now objected to because he had not been subpœnaed, and there were those who had been subpœnaed now in attendance.

The Chairman observed that they had heard a great deal about seizures which, up to that time, appeared to him to be most unjust. It was very possible that evidence might be heard which would make them just. He (the Chair) and others, he wanted to hear just as much as would enable him to make up his mind, and no more. Otherwise, there could never be any end to the labors of the Committee.

Senator HOWE observed that he and the honorable Chairman appeared to be in unison. He would except, however, the case of the conduct of officials, in which all the testimony that could be collected should be received.

The Chairman concurred, and the question of Mr. JAMES being called, was put to the vote and carried by a majority. He was therefore called.

He gave his name as THOMAS L. JAMES, Deputy Collector of the Third Division. His special branch was the supervision of the warehouses. He had held that position since October, 1870, but he had been in the Custom-house since 1861. He was not able to give the amount of the importations in the Port of New-York, but that could be obtained from the Auditor. He was able, however, to give the number of packages that went into the stores during the year 1871. Into the General Order store of LEET & Co., No. 371 Washington-street, 51,047 packages, 505 hides, 935 pigs of lead, 60 ingots, 78 coils, 4 pieces of rail, 66 anvils, 250 flues of boilers, 1,188 bundles, 2,583 plates, 1,442 bars, 5 tons and 1,200 pounds of iron, (pig,) 160 sheets of old iron. Of LEHR & LEVY, corner of Lewis-street and West, 87,656 packages; 5,691 bales, 1,941 plates of spelter, 1,272 bundles of wire, 955 crates, 760 iron ties, 770 pigs of lead, 563 bundles of iron, 295 bundles of steel, 235 bars of steel, 276 ingots, 227 coils, 128 pieces of wood, 87 bars of iron, 62 coils of rope, 34 axes, 12 caskets, 20 coils, 26 anvils, 18 tires, 2 sheets of iron, 1 iron frame, 1 carriage, 1 bolt, 1 grindstone. United States Bonded warehouse, Nos. 272 and 274 Water-street, East River, kept by BAKER & WILLIAMS, 24,912 cases, casks and bales, 1,507 iron rails, 1,452 pigs of lead, 598 blocks of marble. In addition to this there was one wild bull, which came under General Order. To the Brooklyn warehouses—The Harbeck stores, 3,881 packages; the Martin stores, 9,057, 22,901 hides, 3,908 horns, 7,000 bricks, 18 tons scrap-iron, 712 tons old copper, 85 pieces lead, 4 pumps; Erie Basin, 4,377 packages, 21,230 iron rails, 1,476 hides, 3,255 bushels barley, and a lot of brimstone in bulk; the Congress-street stores, 6,918 packages, 340 steel rails; at No. 43 Commercial Wharf, 2,706 packages; the New-York Warehouse Company, 106 packages; ROBERTS' Wall-street stores 53 packages.

By Senator Howe—Is there any difference between a General Order store and a bonded warehouse? A.—There is not; both give the same bond to the Collector.

Q.—Is there more liability to loss in a dozen warehouses than in one; would the risk be greater? A.—It would be greater in the greater number.

Q.—Would the expense to Government be any greater? A.—I believe not.

By Senator Stewart—How many Custom-house officials were at the Convention of 1870? A.—I do not know.

Q.—How many have you been at? A.—All ever since I was a voter.

Q.—Were you present at the Convention in 1864? A.—I was.

Q.—Who was the candidate on that occasion? A.—Gov. FENTON.

Q.—Who appointed you to the Custom-house? A.—Gov FENTON.

Q.—Was there a pretty strong crowd of Custom-house officials on that occasion? A.—There was all that could get away. FENTON had got a bill through Congress raising the pay of the inspectors to $4 a day, and they felt grateful.

Q.—Were you there in 1868? A.—I was, but there were not many Custom-house officials around, because the Collector was Democratic.

Q.—Were you present in 1870? A.—I was.

Q.—Who were you for? A.—I was only an outsider, but I was for Mr. GREELEY.

Q.—Who was the Custom-house for generally? A.—I believe for Mr. GREELEY.

Q.—Were you present in 1871? A.—I was.

Q.—There was a pretty good fight, I believe, was there not? A.—I heard so, but I did not participate.

Q.—What was the row about? A.—The appointment of a temporary chairman.

Q.—There was then a good force of the Custom-house mustered on that occasion? A.—Not more than at other times; not more than in 1864.

By Senator Pratt—Can you state the proportion of the General Order packages to the importations? A.—I cannot.

Q.—Are those on the North River sufficient to do all that is wanted? A.—It depends on the weather. If it is bad, and the vessels made a long passage, they discharge at once into General Order stores.

Q.—Then there is a glut I suppose? A.—Yes.

Q.—How many bonded warehouses are there on the North River? A.—Twenty-four.

Q.—And on the East? A.—Thirty-four, and in Brooklyn, twenty-four.

Q.—The inspector has to visit them daily? A.—Yes, Sir, his visits are at his discretion.

Q.—Have any of the stores more than one store-keeper? A.—Some of them have.

Q.—When does he go away? A.—At sunset.

Q.—What considerations enter into the selection of these bonded warehouses? A.—The convenience of the merchants and the safety of the goods.

By Senator Casserly—You remember that you attended on the first day, and I asked you if you kept a record of the goods sent to General Order stores? A.—Yes, and I have brought it here today in accordance with your request.

Q.—From what records did you compile? A.—From the books of the store-houses as kept by our book-keepers.

Q.—Do not the inspectors make returns also? Does not he keep a memorandum of the packages that go into General Orders, when he is discharging a ship? A.—They do.

Q.—Is there any other check on the accuracy of the return sent in by the store-keepers? A.—No, there is not.

Q.—Then, if the inspectors and the store-keepers were in collusion, you would have no check? A.—No, but that would be next to impossible.

Q.—Give us the name or names of the officials who can give us the gross number of packages received at this port in the year 1871? A.—The information can be obtained at the Auditor's office.

Q.—Do you know any reason why the General Order store business should not be allowed to regulate itself as the bonded warehouse business? A.—Because the goods are unclaimed and put by the law under the special protection of the Collector.

Q.—And you think that two General Order stores are sufficient for the North River? A.—Yes, except upon occassion of glut, as I said before, from bad weather.

Q.—Do you remember an investigation made by order of the Secretary of the Treasury at the time of the Cartage Bureau? A.—I do not.

By Senator Bayard—When did you take charge of your present division? A.—In October, 1870.

Q.—What had been your connection with the Custom-house prior to that? A.—I had been inspector and weigher.

Q.—Do you remember who had the warehouse business when you became Deputy Collector? A.—LEET & Co. had it all.

Q.—Who preceded you in the position you now occupy? A.—Mr. HENRY R. WILLIAMS.

Q.—Could he give us information of the manner in which they obtained that business? A.—I dare say he could.

Q.—When a warehouse has become a bonded warehouse, is there not a store-keeper appointed? A.—There is.

Q.—When a warehouse has been designated by the Collector as a place to receive goods under General Order store, is that order in writing? A.—I do not know.

Q.—Does not each proprietor of a bonded warehouse or General Order store pay to the Collector, for the deputy store-keeper, $1,800 per year? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And the store-keeper is paid by the Government $4 a day? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—What becomes of the difference? A.—It is created into a fund for district officers.

Q.—What is their pay? A.—Four dollars a day.

Q.—To some of these bonded warehouses there are two store-keepers? A.—There are.

Q.—Supposing if this relief or surplus fund should amount to more than necessary to pay the district or relief officers, what would be done with the remainder? A.—The proprietors would have to pay less per annum if such a case occurred.

Q.—Do you consider that there should be greater facilities in the General Order store of LEET & Co.? A.—I did express an opinion to that effect when examined by the previous Committee, but since that time there have been added facilities by making more openings in the Leroy-street warehouse.

Q.—Do you consider that the public benefit would be consulted if the General Order business were to be thrown open to any merchant or citizen of good credit and capacity who should have a bonded warehouse? A.—I think so, but it would rest in the pleasure of the Collector.

Q.—When you became Deputy Collector, did you know anything about the General Order store of LEET & STOCKING? A.—No, I did not.

Q.—But you know that there are two bonds for the two stores, though the company is the same? A.—Yes, that is so.

Q.—What do you know about the charges? A.—I believe they are regulated by the Chamber of Commerce.

Q.—Is the list of charges furnished to the grantee of the privilege? A.—I do not know.

Q.—How, then, does he know that the business is being transacted to his satisfaction? A.—There is a superintendent to whom complaints should be made, and who is empowered to rectify them.

Q.—Have complaints ever been made to you? A.—Sometimes, as the head of my department.

Q.—Did you afford any relief? A.—No, I was not empowered to do so.

By Senator Pratt—Will you state a little more definitely the restrictions again overcharge? A.—There are a set of rules drawn up by the Collector allowing sixty per cent. in addition to the charges authorized by the Chamber of Commerce.

Q.—To whom does the merchant go when he wants to complain of overcharge? A.—He comes to me, and I refer him to the superintendent, who examines the case and settles it.

Q.—Where the merchant, instead of paying his duties, puts his goods in bond, what is the process? A.—He gets an order to put the goods designated in such a bonded warehouse as the merchant chooses, and the inspector is ordered to send them there.

By Senator Casserly—What do you do with the store-keepers' daily returns of goods received? A.—We pile them away.

Q.—And with the returns of the inspectors? A.—They are piled away by Mr. CLARKE.

Q.—Do you know in what manner those returns are piled away, by the calendar year or the fiscal year? A.—By the calendar year.

Q.—What capital is required to start a General Order store? A.—From $10,000 to $15,000.

Q.—And the profits are enormous, are they not? A.—I believe they are very large.

Q.—When poor people own goods that go into General Order stores, are they not disatisfied with the charges? A.—I don't think poor people do import.

Q.—But they may own them, may they not? A.—I presume so.

Q.—Do they not complain of the charges? A.—I do not remember any case of complaint by poor men.

Q.—Is there not a widespread dissatisfaction about the charges? A.—I have heard so.

Q.—When did Mr. ARTHUR come into the office of Collector? A.—About six weeks ago.

By Senator Pratt—Has the General Order business decreased since the stoppage of night permits? A.—It has.

By Senator Casserly—To what extent did it reduce that business? A.—I do not know.

By Senator Pratt—I wish to know if you have heard of an order from the Collector that the first goods removed from the dock should be for public store, next for bonded warehouse and last for General Order? A.—There was such an order.

Q.—Would it not tend to the diminution of General Order business? A.—It would.

This ended the testimony of the witness.

The next witness was Mr. STEPHEN G. CLARKE, a Custom-house Deputy Collector of the ninth division, having charge of seizures and the institution of suits.

By the Chairman—Will you state the mode in which seizures are made? A.—All inspectors and night inspectors, Deputy Collectors, &c., can make seizures of their own motion for what they conceive to be violations of the law. It is their first duty to place the goods in question in the Custom-house in a strong room designated for the purpose. He then makes out a triplicate report, which he sends to the Surveyor, who sends one to the Collector and one to the Naval Officer. The Surveyor then has the fact of the seizure and a *précis* of the circumstances put on record in his books. After the reports are received and entered they are compared with one kept in the seizure-room. If the goods are found there according to the report, they have to be appraised by the Appraiser. If they appear to him to exceed $500, the District-Attorney is requested to institute proceedings. If the value is less, no action is taken until many have been collected. They are then advertised, and if no claimant appears for them they are sold at the end of twenty days. Usually, however, a claimant does appear, who exhibits his proofs, which are adjudicated on by myself acting for the Collector. In a case which occurred recently, a man was caught in the night with a barrel of molasses from the dock. It was seized, but when advertised it was claimed by a merchant, who proved that the man was not smuggling it, but stealing it, when it was seized by the night inspector. It was of course returned without charge. The witness here presented the blanks used in his division. After these had been examined, the Committee adjourned until 10 A. M. today.

ROME AND GERMANY.

The Pope's Letter to the Emperor William.

The *German Correspondent* publishes the following translation of the Pope's congratulatory letter to the Emperor of Germany on his assumption of the Imperial dignity:

Pope Pius IX. to the most illustrious and mighty Emperor greeting:

By the kind letter of your Majesty we have received a communication such as of itself elicits our congratulations, as well on account of the supreme dignity offered your Majesty as by reason of the general unanimity with which the Princes and free cities of Germany have conferred it on you. It is, therefore, with great joy that we have received the news of this event, which, as we trust, with the blessing of God on the efforts of your Majesty for the general good, will turn to the advantage, not only of Germany, but of all Europe. We return your Majesty, however, special thanks for the expression of your friendship for us, as we hope that it will not unconsiderably contribute to the protection of the liberty and the rights of the Catholic religion. On the other hand, we request your Majesty to be convinced that we shall neglect nothing by which, when the opportunity presents itself, we may be useful to your Majesty. In the meantime we pray the Giver of all good things to richly vouchsafe your Imperial and Royal Majesty all true happiness, and unite you with us in the bonds of the most perfect affection.

Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, (in the Vatican,) on the 6th day of March, 1871, in the twenty-fifth year of our Pontificate.

PIUS, P. P. IX.

Transfer of Erie Stock to the English Stockholders—Conclusion of the Celebrated Case.

In the United States Court, yesterday, in the case of HEATH and RAPHAEL *vs.* The Erie Railway Company, involving a claim to 60,054 shares of Erie stock, Commissioner WHITE made the following order: "Mr. COLEMAN, as receiver, presents a certificate held by him as receiver for 12,735 shares remaining in his hands, and announces his readiness to transfer the said stock to HEATH and RAPHAEL in pursuance of the order. The Erie Company produces the new certificates for 12,735 shares of stock made out in the name of HEATH and RAPHAEL as provided by the order, and also the written request from the Erie Company by Mr. GOULD, President, to the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company to register the said new certificates for 12,735 shares. Counsel for HEATH and RAPHAEL asks the master to direct that Mr. COLEMAN make the transfer to HEATH and RAPHAEL, and that the said certificates for the 12,735 shares be canceled, so that the new certificates for the 12,735 be taken by the master, to remain in his hands as such master until the same be perfected as marketable by being registered with and certified by the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, and that therefore the said registered certificates be delivered over to HEATH and RAPHAEL, or their representatives, in compliance with the order, and the master so orders." This practically terminates the long-pending case of HEATH and RAPHAEL, the English stockholders of the Erie Railway Company, against JAMES FISK, Jr., JAY GOULD, and the other Erie directors.

ENGLAND.

The Condition of the Prince of Wales—The Meeting of Parliament—Future Legislative Work—The House of Lords—The Death of Lord Ellenborough—Mr. Helps' Suggestion—The Speakership.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, Dec. 23, 1871.

The announcement that on Thursday the Prince of WALES had had a less quiet night than usual produced a renewal of anxiety, which has again abated on the publication of a more favorable bulletin. Of course it will be a long time before the Prince is himself again, even if the most sanguine expectations are realized, and there will naturally be fluctuations and periods of doubtful progress in his convalescence. It is proposed that, as soon as he is able to be moved, he shall go to Torquay, but it will be months, probably, before the plan can be carried out. A voyage to Madeira is also contemplated as a possibility. A great deal of nonsense has been written about the Prince's fever, and, among other things, it has been said that a malady of this kind always imparts to a man more force of character, for better or for worse, than he had before. It is true that any disorder which brings a man near to death, may, by the reflections which it produces in the moment of peril or of gradual recovery, have an important influence on his future life, and that a character which is so hard and obdurate as to resist these influences will probably display itself afterward in an unpleasant way. But it is ridiculous to suppose that the fever itself works any moral transformation in its victim; and, on the whole, it is rather more likely to leave him weaker in character, because weaker in physical energy, than he was before the attack. The Prince will have much to think of as he gets better, and it may be hoped that this will lead him to form some higher conceptions of the duties and privileges of his rank. That he should take, as some people think he will, to prayer-meetings, teetotal lectures and street-preaching, is neither probable nor desirable. The Queen, for the first time for many years, will hold Christmas at Windsor Castle. Of course, there will be the great baron of beef, and the boar's head, and other traditional dishes, but the festivities will be of a very sober character. Afterward, Her Majesty will go to her favorite sea-side home in the Isle of Wight, and come up in February to open Parliament. Today the Queen and several of her children attended a solemn service in Prince ALBERT'S mausoleum.

THE MEETING OF PARLIAMENT.

Parliament stands prorogued to the 6th of February, but will probably not meet till the following week. There are a number of serious questions which demand attention, and a stormy session seems to be expected, but I should not wonder if it proved to be a very quiet one. A purely negative policy may do in opposition, but it will not hold a Government together, and the Conservative leaders, divided among themselves, have not yet discovered an active policy which would not split up the party. To some extent this applies also to the Liberals, but they have got used to being in office and are more anxious to keep in than their opponents are to get in. If the Government produce a moderate common-sense programme, there will be a general disposition to support them; and, according to the doctrine of probabilities, it is to be expected that the rush of administrative misfortunes and misadventures which pursued them last session will not be renewed. The Government cannot help reintroducing the Ballot bill, and there will not be much of a fight against it, as many Conservatives are coming round to the opinion that it would rather work in their own favor, and that, in any case, it is inevitable. There will, however, be a struggle on the question of a scrutiny in the Commons, in order to justify the Lords making a concession on this point a condition of passing the bill. Apart from the Ballot, the Sanitary, Measures and Mines Regulation bill, which are promised, are not likely to afford much scope for serious party fighting. If the Cabinet will only sit upon its chief and keep him quiet, it may have a peaceful session, with a good prospect of a majority at the general election next Winter, and in the succeeding Spring. But Mr. GLADSTONE has an effectual way of whistling up a wind, even in the deadest calm, which makes his colleagues and supporters tremble, even when everything is going on well.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

The old celebrities of the House of Lords are gradually being thinned out. Lord ST. LEONARDS now lingers almost alone. Lord ELLENBOROUGH died yesterday morning at the ripe age of eighty-one. Although he did not speak often, and although his speech had little political weight, he was the first orator of the House of Lords. He was inferior to Mr. BRIGHT in the kind of speaking which suits a great public meeting, but by many good judges he was pronounced to be more than BRIGHT'S equal in Parliamentary debate. Those who associate ELLENBOROUGH chiefly with his bombastic proclamation, when Governor-General of India, about the gates of Somnauth, will, perhaps, be surprised to hear that the characteristics of his oratory were its manly directness and simplicity of style. He was wanting in the tact, judgment and consideration for others which should distinguish a statesman, and had too much contempt for popular authority to submit to the reticences and restraints of Parliamentary discipline. He was an "impossible" Minister in such days as ours, and even Lord DERBY, who was much attached to him and valued his ability highly, was compelled to throw him over after a short experience. It seems to be admitted that next session the Lords must take in hand the revision of their Constitution, on penalty of having it done for them in a less gracious and satisfactory way. As Lord GRANVILLE and Lord SALISBURY are both in favor of life peerages, it may be expected that this expedient for strengthening the Upper House and identifying it more closely with the country, will now have a fair chance of being tried. Apart from the judicial element, which is supplied by a process of natural or professional selection, the new Peers who have been created of late years have done little to strengthen or distinguish the assembly. The strongest men in the House at the present moment, Lord GRANVILLE, the Duke of ARGYLE, Lord SALISBURY, Lord CARNAR

LAW REPORTS.

COMMISSION OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 12.—The following is the calendar of the Commission of Appeals for Saturday: Nos. 192, 193, 194, 321, 322, 324, 325, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 337¼. The Court will adjourn on Saturday, Jan. 13.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM—JAN. 12.

Before Presiding Justice Ingraham, and Judges Barnard and Cardozo.

Salters et al. *vs.* Pruyn et al.; decree of the Surrogate reversed. Opinions by Presiding Justice INGRAHAM and Judge BARNARD.

Elisha Bloomer *vs.* Thomas P. Sturges; as the Judges disagree, the case is ordered to the Second Department.

Frederick S. Kirtland et al. *vs.* Daniel S. Schenck et al.; judgment reversed and new trial ordered, costs to abide event. Opinion by Presiding Justice INGRAHAM.

William O'Keil *vs.* The People; judgment affirmed. Opinion by Presiding Justice INGRAHAM.

William H. McNevins *vs.* The People; judgment reversed and new trial ordered in Sessions. Opinion by Judge CARDOZO.

In the matter of the widening of Broadway; order affirmed. Opinion of the Court by Judge LEARNED, Judge BARNARD dissenting.

Gottlieb Hanseman *vs.* Erasmus Sterling; order affirmed with $10 costs and disbursements. Opinion by Presiding Justice INGRAHAM.

James L. Mitchell *vs.* Cassius M. Read; judgment affirmed with costs. Opinion by Judge BARNARD.

In the matter of Henry P. Bainbridge et al.; order affirmed, with $10 costs. Opinion by Judge CARDOZO.

Charles Turner *vs.* William S. Lee; judgment affirmed with costs. Opinion by Judge CARDOZO.

Russell Sturges et al. *vs.* Paul N. Spofford et al.; order affirmed with $10 costs. Opinion by Judge CARDOZO.

Philip F. Pistor *vs.* Ames F. Hatfield, &c.; appeal dismissed with $10 costs. Opinion by Judge Cardozo.

Carl Struver *vs.* Charles C. Taber et al.; judgment affirmed with costs. Opinion by Judge CARDOZO.

Marine Bank of Chicago *vs.* Tunis Van Brunt; order affirmed with $10 costs. Opinion by Judge Cardozo.

Lewis B. Howe *vs.* Samuel B. Potter; order affirmed, with $10 costs. Opinion by Judge CARDOZO.

Isaac E. Smith, &c., *vs.* Nelson Holland et al.; judgment affirmed, with costs. Opinion by Judge CARDOZO.

The People ex rel. Shelton *vs.* Henrietta Gower; judgment affirmed, with costs. Opinion by Judge CARDOZO.

William Watson *vs.* David L. Guardian; order reversed, without costs. Opinion by Judge CARDOZO.

William J. Stokes *vs.* Jeremiah S. Johnson et al.; judgment affirmed, with costs.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—JAN. 12.

By Judge Barrett.

Shepard, &c., *vs.* Weiss, &c.; default opened upon payment of trial fee and $10 costs of this motion, and upon defendant stipulating to try (it reached) upon the 19th inst.

Clark et al. *vs.* Hayward; motion denied with $10 costs.

In the matter of the petition of Mary E. McDermott; custody of the child awarded to the petitioner.

By Judge Van Brunt.

Day et al. *vs.* Ruprecht et al.; case settled.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—JAN. 12.

By Chief-Justice Barbour.

Meyer *vs.* Hazard; order granted.

Converse *vs.* Earlich; order granted.

Paine *vs.* Reeder; order granted.

Young *vs.* Eibert; judgment on demurrer.

By Judge Freedman.

Donnell *vs.* Donnell; motion granted.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—JAN. 12.

By Judge Loew.

Jewett *vs.* Brent; motion granted.

Leyliness *vs.* Clausen; motion denied, without costs.

Bantell *vs.* The New-Jersey Central Railroad Company; motion to open default denied. (See memorandum for counsel.)

Taylor *vs.* Ryan; see memorandum for counsel.

Hunt *vs.* Kelly; motion granted.

Robinson *vs.* Brinkerhoff; motion granted.

Lorenz *vs.* May; motion to discharge attachments against property of defendants granted, with $10 costs.

Jung *vs.* Murphy; default opened.

Mischo *vs.* Schwartz; attachment vacated.

Bronner *vs.* Wolf; reference ordered.

Mott *vs.* Holland; appeal dismissed.

By Judge Joseph F. Daly.

Gross *vs.* Scott; judgment amended by striking out; complaint dismissed and motion denied.

Wolf *vs.* Coulter; motion may stand for ten days.

Vosburg *vs.* Brewster et al.; case settled.

Frank *vs.* Lowenstein; motion denied.

Ninth National Bank *vs.* Baker; motion granted.

By Judge Larremore.

Klabee *vs.* Lowenstein; motion granted without costs.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM—JAN. 12.

Before Presiding Justice Ingraham, and Justices Barnard and Cardozo.

EXAMINATION OF BOOKS BEFORE TRIAL.

Gottlob Hauseman vs. *Erasmus Sterling.*—In this case the Court has decided that it is not the practice in this district to grant orders to compel the production of books and papers on the examination of a party before trial.

COMMON PLEAS—GENERAL TERM.

Before Chief Justice Daly and Judges Robinson and Joseph F. Daly.

BUILDER'S CONTRACTS AND WAIVER OF CONDITIONS—IMPORTANT TO REAL ESTATE OWNERS.

William S. Barton vs. *Isaac Herman and John Barry.*—This action was brought to foreclose a mechanic's lien of plaintiff as sub-contractor against a building of which the defendant, Isaac Herman, was owner, and John Barry, the other defendant, first contractor. The building contract between Herman and Barry contained a provision that the contract price should be paid in eight installments, each of which was to be payable only on the certificate of Henry Meyer, the architect of the building, that the work had been properly completed proportionate to the terms of the contract. The cause was referred to a referee, who reported in favor of the plaintiff.

From the decision of the referee the present appeal is taken. Judge ROBINSON, in rendering the decision of the Court, reversing the decision of the referee in the case, says: "When a party contracts to do work, and that the whole shall be completed to the satisfaction of a third person, in an action to recover the stipulated price, he must aver and prove the work was done to the entire satisfaction of such third person. (The proof in this case was simply that the work had been performed according to the contract.) So far as the architect had given certificates, the parties were concluded by them, and so far as payments were made by the owner without certificates, the payments could not be recalled because not due, but they did not preclude the owner from making reclamation for defects in the uncertified work, or from requiring them to be supplied as a condition precedent to the final payment, when the buildings were completely finished. The superintendence and control of the work by the architect continued during all the time it was going on, and the only interference of the owner was in making payments of one or two installments, without being legally required to do so. Out of the latter circumstance can be no inference of any waiver of the requirements that the work should be subject to the approval of the architect, and the undisputed proof being that it was not so, there can be no ground for finding a performance of the contract in this respect. But, no certificate being produced for the final payment, there can be no recovery for any further amounts. The necessity for the production of such certificate upon such a contract as that in question is well established. * * * * * * In this case the referee overrules the defense as well of the architect's disapproval as of the want of his certificate for the final payment, and the only ground assigned for such a finding is that payments were made after the alleged bad work had been performed and certificates given by the architect. While the referee might, on defendant's statement, find the owner had made the sixth and seventh payments without certificates, I am of the opinion this did not waive production of the final one certifying that the building was completely finished. There is no proof of any agreement to waive any of the certificates, founded on any new consideration, nor of any declaration of the owner that he would waive it. His right to exact the certificates was several as to each, and while he might, as matter of favor, advance the contractor all previous payments, he could yet, on final settlement, require it for the last. There results from his so acting no such equitable estopel as would ensue from a course of dealing with reference to the terms of a subsisting contract in allowing the other party to commit himself into pursuing a line of conduct somewhat variant from its terms, but which, on objection, might have been corrected, and then insisting upon a complete forfeiture, after the *laches*, as an excuse for his own neglect to perform further duties by him agreed to be performed. Without considering the numerous other points of objection to the referee's report, taken on the part of the defendant, Herman, I am of the opinion the judgment should be reversed, the report of the referee set aside, and a new trial ordered; costs to abide the event.

A. Blumenstiel for Herman, the appellant; W. McDermott for Barton, the respondent.

United States vs. State Liens.

In the matter of the disposition of the proceeds of the ship *Edille* now on the registry of the United States District Court, counsel for a creditor of the vessel to whom $4,000 was owing for repairs, put in a claim to have the amount paid out of the proceeds in the registry of the Court, but yesterday Judge BLATCHFORD decided that the claim is not a legal one, it being a lien to be adjusted under the State law.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—JAN. 12.

FIRST BOARD.

$10,000 U. S. 6s, '81, R...114⅜
1,000 U. S. 6s, '81, C...115⅛
2,500 do.....115
2,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '62, c. 109⅜
1,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '64. 110⅛
2,000 do.....110
10,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65, new.....c. 110⅜
2,500 U. S. 5-20 C., '67. 111⅛
25,000 do.....111⅛
10,000 U. S. 10-40 R. 109
20,000 U. S. 6s, Cur...115⅛
5,000 Va. 6s, Con.....62⅝
13,000 do.....62⅛
4,000 N. C. F. Act., '66. 23
10,000 S. C. St. 6s, new, Jan. & July. 25⅜
20,000 Mo. St. 6s.....96
13,000 do.....96⅛
10,000 Mo. 6s, H. & St. Jo. 1s.....92⅛
2,000 Ark. 6s, F. Act.. 54
1,000 N. Y. 8.7s, R. L., R. 106⅛
5,000 Alb. & Susq. 1st. 100⅛
2,000 Alb. & Susq. 2d.. 96
2,000 Mich. So. 2d..... 88⅛
5,000 do.....99
5,000 Mich. S. P. Eds. 103⅛
3,000 Pac. R. 7s, guar. by Mo.....100
37,000 Q. Pac. G. Bds..103
1,000 do.....102⅞
20,000 U. Pac. 1st..... 92
8,000 do.....92⅛
50,000 do.....s30. 92⅛
5,000 U. Pac. 7s, L. G. bs 82
1,000 do.....82⅛
1,000 U. Pac. 10s, l. bs. 87
2,000 do.....87⅜
1,000 Ill. Cen. Bds.....101
5,000 H. & S. J. & C. bs. 88⅛
4,000 Tol. & Wab. 1st. 101
1,000 Han. & N. 1st.. 87⅛
10,000 C., R. I. & Pac. 7s. 102⅛
3,000 Gt. West. 7s, '88. 99
5,000 N. J. Cen. 1st, n. 106⅛
7,000 Mor. & Es. 1st..105
2,000 do.....104⅜
2,000 Mor. & Es. 2d..106
10,000 Clev. & Pitts. 4th. 84
10,000 Ohio & Miss. 2d. 84
1,000 M. & St. P. 1st. d. 89
5,000 C. & Mil. 1st.. 92
1,000 C., C. & I. C. 1st. 91⅜
5,000 do.....92⅛
2,000 do.....92⅜
2,000 do.....72⅜
10,000 L. S. Div. Bds... 91

SECOND BOARD.

$1,000 U. S. 6s, '81, C...109⅜
250,000 U. S. 5s, '81, R. 114⅜
34,000 U. S. 6s, '81, C. 115⅜
8,000 U. S. 5-20 R., '65, n. 109⅝
100,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65, n. 110⅛
1,000 do.....110⅛
10,000 U. S. 5-20 R., '67. ba. 111⅛
10,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '68. 112⅜
10,000 U. S. 6s, Cur...115⅜
10,000 U. S. 5-20 R., '67. 111⅜
10,000 do.....111⅜
10,000 U. S. 5s, 10-40 R. 109
69,800 do.....109⅛
5,000 U. S. 5s, 10-40 C. 109⅜
13,000 Mo. St. 6s.....96⅜
10,000 do.....97
2,000 Ark. 7s, Iv. to L. R. & Ft. S. R.. 50
5,000 B'klyn 8s, W. L. 94⅜
18,000 Cen. P. Gold bds. 102⅞
10,000 do.....103
2,000 Un. Pac. 1st M.. 92⅛
10,000 Un. Pac. 10s, Inc. 87⅜
7,000 Mor. & Es. 2d M. 100
10,000 Erie 1st, Jo. 8s. Conv. bds.....98⅛
5,000 do.....98⅜
7,000 do.....98⅝
200 West. Union Tel.. 71⅛
300 do.....bet. call. 71⅛
100 Quick. M. Co. b. c. 35⅞
100 Canton Co.....80
100 do.....78
200 do.....b60. 78
200 do.....78⅛
100 Md. Coal Co.....24⅛
100 Quicksilver Pf. b. c. 30⅛
100 do.....31
Va. 6s, Deferred bds.. 21⅛
N. Car. 6s, old..... 34
N. Car. Fund. act. '66. 22
N. Car. 6s, new bds... 16⅛
N. Car. Special tax... 9
S. Car. 6s.....49
S. Car. 6s, Jan. & July. 25
S. Car. 6s, April & Oct. 22
Mo. 6s.....97⅛
Mo. 6s, H. & St. J. 1s. 92⅛
La. 8s, Levee bds. of '75 74
Conn. 6s.....98⅛
R. I. 6s.....100⅛
Ohio 6s, '86.....105
Ind. 5s.....98
Mich. 6s, '76.....100
Mich. 6s, '83.....99
Mich. 7s, '75.....99
N. Y. Reg. Bounty L. 106
N. Y. Coup. Bounty L. 106
N. Y. 6s, Canal L.. 73.106
N. Y. 6s, Canal L.. '74.106
N. Y. 6s, Canal L.. '75.106
N. Y. 6s, Canal L.. '76.106
N. Y. 6s, Canal L.. '77.106
N. Y. 6s, Canal L.. '78.106
N. Y. 6s, Canal L.. '79.106
by L. S. & M. S. 96⅛
2,800 C. P. & Ash. old. 96
10 Merch. Ex. Bank. 96
20 Bank Commerce. 113⅛
20 Am. Ex. bank.....112
10 Bank of Republic. 116
10 Hanover Bank.....102½
20 Fourth Nat. Bank. 110⅛
50 Phœnix Bank.....103
100 Md. Coal.....25
100 Quick. Min. Co.... 26
100 do.....25⅜
600 Pac. M. S. S. Co. b. c. 55⅜
200 do.....55⅛
100 Adams Express... 91
1.0 Wells-Fargo Exp.. 59⅛
200 do.....59⅜
100 do.....59⅛
100 do.....59⅜
5 Am. Mer. U. Exp. 59⅜
50 do...bet. cash. 60½
10 U. S. Exp.....61⅜
100 do.....61⅝
100 do.....b. c. 62⅜
10 N. Y. C. & Hud. R. 96⅜
200 do...bet. cash. 96⅜
100 Erie.....34⅛
100 do.....34⅜
100 Harlem.....117
100 Mich. Cen.....117
27 do.....s. 117⅜
40 L. S. & M. S. Scrip. 87½
200 L. S. & M. S. b. c. 91
300 Clev. & P. guar.... 91½
85 do.....91
200 do.....92⅛
50 Chi. & N. W.....69⅛
400 do.....b. c. 69⅜
250 do.....69⅛
200 do.....c. 69⅜
100 N. J. Cen.....110⅜
25 Mil. & St. Paul.... 59⅜
100 do.....54⅞
300 do...bet. cal. 54⅞
100 Mil. & St. P. Pf.... 80⅛
200 do.....80
500 Tol., Wab. & W.... 74⅛
500 do...bet. cal. 74⅜
15 P., Ft. W. & C. G.. 96½
200 Del., Lack. & W.. 104½
25 do.....105
200 Ohio & Miss.....47⅜
500 U. Pac...bet. call. 32
200 do.....32⅛
700 do.....32⅜
300 do.....c. 32⅛

FRIDAY, Jan. 12—P. M.

Money is now in good supply to the Stock Brokers at 6@7 ₱ cent. per annum. The Discount Brokers cannot place Merchant paper, not accommodated at Bank at 7 ₱ cent., better than 8 to 12 ₱ cent. per annum. The failure noticed a few days since of a heavy Domestic Commission-house somewhat impaired confidence. Another failure in the Straw Goods business is reported to have taken place yesterday.

Gold is partially firmer than yesterday, while Foreign Bills, if anything, are lower on a dull demand for Saturday's steamer. Sales of Gold 108⅛@10⅛@10⅜@109 ₱ cent. Exchange on London, 60 days, 109@109½ ₱ cent., with few cash transactions better than 109½ ₱ cent., less a brokerage. Later in the day a larger demand was reported at 109¾ ₱ cent.

The Stock market is firm; the business active, and speculation in the Railroads and Western Telegraph decidedly confident. The established Railway Mortgages come in for a good share of attention. The Pacifics and the old Western Mortgages are in demand, the former looking to higher figures at home and on the Continent of Europe, the latter going up on investment orders to buy.

The Public Funds are firmer, on the advance in Gold, on the 5-20s dealt in abroad, and the 1867s closed at 111⅛@112 ₱ cent. The New 5 ₱ Cents are in good demand at 109⅜ ₱ cent. The long 6 ₱ Cents of 1881 are up ⅛@⅜ ₱ cent., and the Currency 6 ₱ Cents (advanced to the Pacific Roads) are very strong at 115⅛@115⅜ ₱ cent. The 1862s 5-20s, both Coupon and Registered, continue to range near the price of Gold, the accrued Interest since November being taken into the account.

The Stock of the Erie Road is an exception to the general buoyancy of the New-York and Western Roads. The sales in the Hall of the Exchange, not on the official report of business, were quite large, at 34⅜@35 ₱ cent. Conjecture is at fault in regard to the probable course of the Stock and the administration of the Road, and within a day or two less importance is attached to the effect of the removal of FISK by death on the future control. The other members of the Ring are evidently intrenching themselves against the attempts of the English and American parties seeking to dislodge them from control, and have even resorted to the diversion of petitions to the Legislature in their own behalf! These are not likely, however, to affect the action of the new Attorney-General.

The Union Pacific General Superintendent reports by telegraph today that the December traffic was $535,000, subject to extra expenses ($45,000 in amount) for clearing the track in December and providing against obstructions in January. The

Gross for December	$585,000
Exponses and extra expenses	350,000
Net earnings of month	$185,000

After the late Boards the following quotations were made, as compared with Thursday night. Gold was strong, and so were the Public Funds. The Pacific Mortgages, 103 for Centrals, 92½ for Unions.

CLOSING PRICES—JAN. 12.

	Thursday.	Friday.
United States, New 5s	109⅜	109⅜
U. S. 5-20s, '65, May and Nov.	111⅛	111⅛
U. S. 5-20s, '67, Jan. and July.	111⅛	111⅛
American Gold	108⅜	109
Bills on London, 60 days	109⅛	109⅛
N. Y. Central and Hudson	96	96⅛
N.Y.Cen. and Hud. Debt Ctfs.	92⅜	92⅛
Reading	114⅛	114⅛
Chicago and Rock Island	108⅛	109⅛
North-west Common	69⅛	70⅜
North-west Preferred	93	93⅛
Pacific Mail	55⅛	55⅛
St. Paul Preferred	80⅛	80
St. Paul Common	54⅜	54⅛
Ohio and Mississippi	46⅛	47⅛
Toledo and Wabash	73⅜	94⅛
Western Telegraph	70⅛	71⅜
Erie	34⅛	35⅛
Union Pacific	31⅛	32⅛
Lake Shore	90⅛	91⅜
Lake Shore Scrip	88	88

At the very close the market for the Railroads was strong.

The following are the last prices for the various Public Funds of the United States:

6 ₱ cent. reg., '81	114⅜	5-20 reg., '67	111⅜
6 ₱ cent. coup., '81	115⅜	5-20 coup., '67	111⅜
5-20 reg., '62	110	5-20 reg., '68	111⅛
5-20 coup., '62	110	5-20 coup., '68	112
5-20 reg., '64	110⅛	10-40 reg	109⅛
5-20 coup., '64	110⅛	10-40 coup	110
5-20 reg., '65	110⅛	5s, reg., '81	109⅛
5-20 coup., '65	110⅛	5s, coup., '81	109⅛
5-20 reg., n. i., '65	110	6s Currency	115⅛
5-20 coup., n. i., '65	110⅛		

The following bids were made at the Exchange Board for the State Stocks:

Tenn. 6s, old	62⅞	Ark. 7s, Ark. Cen. R.	80
Tenn. 6s, new bonds	64⅛	Ohio 6s, '75	100
Va. 6s, Cons. bds	62⅛	Ohio 6s, '81	109

The Demand for the

PEORIA & ROCK ISLAND

FIRST MORTGAGE

7 Per Cent. Gold Bonds

Has been rapidly on the increase since the opening of the new year. Large sales have been made for cash, and in exchange for 5-20s and other marketable securities. They are for less than $16,500 per mile on finished road, the net earnings of which are largely in excess of the interest on the whole issue. The Bonds are authorized for the extra equipment and necessary buildings required to accommodate the business now offered. We cheerfully recommend them to all investors. Price 90 and Interest. Full particulars on application.

TURNER BROTHERS,

No. 14 Nassau-st.

☞ HOUSTON AND TEXAS CENTRAL RAILWAY

FIRST MORTGAGE SEVEN PER CENT. GOLD BONDS.

For sale at 90 and interest by

ROBERT WINTHROP & CO., NO. 15 WALL-ST.

A liberal commission allowed to Bankers and Brokers.

☞ NASHVILLE AND DECATUR RAILROAD COMPANY.—First Mortgage Seven per Cent. Sinking Fund Bonds, redeemable 1st July, 1900, principal and interest guaranteed by the LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY, for, sale at ninety and accrued interest from Jan. 1, by the

GALLATIN NATIONAL BANK,

No. 28 Wall-st.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

☞ ST. JOSEPH AND DENVER CITY RAILROAD COMPANY'S

FIRST MORTGAGE SINKING FUND LAND GRANT BONDS,

BEARING EIGHT PER CENT. (8 p. c.) INTEREST, PAYABLE IN GOLD, FREE OF TAX,

AND IN DENOMINATIONS OF $1,000, $500 AND $100, can be obtained from the undersigned, or through the principal banks and bankers throughout the United States.

The attractive features of these securities are recognized in the fact that, although they have been but a short time on the market, they are nearly all absorbed, and but a small amount are now for sale.

They combine a perfect security with a liberal rate of interest. This interest account is made light for, and easily borne by, the Company, through the operation of the Sinking Fund created from sales of the Company's land, which, in many cases, draw interest at the rate of ten (10) per cent. per annum. The security behind them is ample in every particular, as they constitute a first and only mortgage on a trunk line of railroad which will soon connect the City of St. Joseph, Mo., (an important railway centre,) with the Union Pacific Railroad at Fort Kearney, materially shortening the distance between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. In addition to this, the bonds have further security in the fact that there is included in the Mortgage the Company's magnificent Lands, amounting to 1,500,000 acres, known to be among the best in the United States. The Mortgage Indenture prohibits the sale of these Lands at less than Four (4) Dollars per acre, and payable to the Trustees under the Mortgage, for the clear and express purpose of retiring these Bonds. The amount thus realized exceeds the entire amount of Bonds which can be issued, and leaves the road, property and franchises free.

The Bonds have thirty years to run, with interest at Eight per Cent., free of tax, payable in February and August in each year.

Both principal and interest are payable in gold.

The principal in New-York. The interest in either New-York, London or Frankfort-on-the Main, at the option of the holder, without notice, and in the gold currency of the country in which they are presented. They are coupons or registered.

Trustees—Farmers' Loan and Trust Company.

The present price of these Bonds is 97½ and accrued interest in *currency*, from Aug. 15, 1871. But they are receivable at par and accrued interest in payment for lands sold by the Company. The right is reserved to advance the present selling price without notice.

Maps, circulars, documents and full information furnished on application.

Though acting as agents for the sale of this loan, our firm buy and sell in their regular business the Bonds of the St. Joseph and Denver City Railroad Company, those of the Eastern Division eight per cent. (8s.) recently placed by us at 97½, being now quoted at from 101½ to 102½ and accrued interest.

TANNER & CO.,

Bankers, No. 11 Wall-st.

INVESTMENT SECURITIES.

The fact is generally admitted that the funding of ALL THE 5-20s into bonds bearing a LOWER RATE OF INTEREST is only a question of time, and the public will, therefore, recognise the importance of an IMMEDIATE EXCHANGE of 5-20s at their present premium into other securities ENTIRELY SAFE, and yielding a LARGER INCOME. We unhesitatingly recommend to holders of 5-20s in exchange the FIRST MORTGAGE LAND GRANT 7.30 GOLD BONDS OF THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, which we offer at par and accrued interest in currency.

JAY COOKE & CO.,

New-York, Philadelphia and Washington.

☞ HOUSTON AND TEXAS CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY FIRST MORTGAGE LAND GRANT SINKING FUND SEVEN PER CENT. GOLD BONDS. *Principal and interest payable in Gold at the National City Bank, New-York. These are in every respect first-class Bonds, and we confidently recommend them as an entirely safe investment. Price, 90 and accrued interest. Circulars and information may be obtained at our office.*

JOHN J. CISCO & SON, No. 90 Wall-st.

☞ EDWARD HAIGHT & CO., BANKERS, No. 9 Wall-st., New-York. FIVE PER CENT. Interest allowed on daily balances and certificates of deposit.

☞ BURLINGTON, CEDAR RAPIDS AND Minnesota Seven per Cent. Gold Sinking Fund Bonds for sale at 90 and interest by HENRY CLEWS & CO., No. 32 Wall-st., New-York.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 12.—FLOUR in good demand; Superfine Winter at $5 50@5 60; Extra Winter at $5 70@6 15; Double Extra Winter, $6 25@6 65. WHEAT—Spring opened firm at $1 22¾@$1 23; closed at $1 22; Winter firm; held above buyers' views. CORN in good demand for Mixed and Yellow, on track, at 41⅛@42½c.; Mixed, sacked, at 53c. OATS in fair demand, advanced; Mixed, on track, at 37c.@37½; sacked at 44c.@46c. BARLEY quiet; strictly prime Iowa at 70c. RYE higher; No. 2, in elevator, at 82c.@83c. WHISKY steady at 88c. TOBACCO quiet and steady. HEMP nominal. BAGGING heavy. PORK dull at $13. Dry-salted MEATS in good demand for round lots at lower prices; holders refuse to make concessions; sales of Clear Rib Sides, twenty days in salt, at 5¾c.@6c.; packed in cans at 6½c. BACON—Shoulders easier at 6¼c.; Clear Sides at 7½c. Sugar-cured HAMS at 12½c.@13c. HOGS quiet at $3 90@$4 30; bulk of sales at $4@$4 15. CATTLE firm at $2 55@$5 25. RECEIPTS—3,000 bbls. Flour, 5,000 bushels Wheat, 31,000 bushels Corn, 18,000 bushels Oats, 2,000 bushels Rye, 2,000 bushels Barley, 6,600 Hogs.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 12.—SHIPMENTS by rail—30,000 bbls. Corn. FLOUR—Light city trade only at unchanged prices. WHEAT dull and nominal; sales, 300 bushels; Port Washington Club at $1 40; 200 bushels White Western at $1 55. CORN dull and heavy; sales, 5 cars No. 2 Western, in railroad elevator, at 62c.; 4,000 bushels No.2 Western at 60c. OATS and RYE neglected. BARLEY dull; no sales. PORK dull at $13 50. LARD dull at 8c. @9¼c. PROVISIONS—Small lots selling at 9½c. CATTLE—Receipts, 24 cars, making the supply 203 cars, against 355 cars the same time last week; offerings light—not enough for the demand; market firm; price steady; sales, 140 Illinois Steers, to include 1,325 lbs., at $6 12½@$6 25. SHEEP—Receipts, 1,600 head; market active and firm; sales, 470 Michigan, 85 to 105 lbs., at $6 25@$7 30; 400 Ohios, 77 to 85 lbs., at $6 25; 346 Indians, averaging 96 lbs., at $6 75. HOGS—Receipts, 700 head; market dull and drooping; prices a shade easier; sales at $4 40@$4 45 for medium to good; the bulk of the sales was at $4 45.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 12.—FLOUR in fair demand; Family, $6 85@$7. WHEAT firm and scarce at $1 50@$1 55. CORN in good demand at 49c. for No. 1 White scarce and firm at 52c. RYE firm at 83c.@87c. OATS in fair demand and firm at 38c.@39c. BARLEY unchanged. PORK dull and unchanged at $13 12½@$13 25. LARD quiet and weak; Steam, 8¼c.@8¾c.; Kettle, 9c.@9¼c. Bulk MEATS quiet and weak; Shoulders, 6¼c. Clear Rib Sides and Clear Sides, 6¾c.@6¾c. BACON steady; Shoulders, 6¾c.@6¾c.; Clear Rib Sides and Clear Sides, 7¾c.@7¾c. HAMS, 12½c. Live Hogs quiet and weak at $4 25@$4 50; receipts, 6,500 head. WHISKY steady at 89c. Green MEATS dull and drooping; Shoulders, 4¼c.@4½c.; Sides, 6¼c.@6¾c.; Hams, 7c.@8¼c.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 12.—FLOUR—Spring Extra firm at $5 85@$6 80 for medium to choice. WHEAT dull and a shade lower; No. 2 at $1 21, cash. OATS—No. 2 easier at 33c. CORN—No. 2 Mixed lower; sales at 51½c. RYE—No. 1 steady at 65c. BARLEY weak; No. 2 Spring, 61c. PROVISIONS lower. PORK, $12 50. HAMS, in pickle, 8¼c. Bulk MEATS—Shoulders, 4¼c.; Short Clear Middles, 9¼c. LARD, 8¼c. Live Hogs dull and lower; sales at $4 15@$4 25; Dressed, $4 85. RECEIPTS—2,000 bbls. Flour, 23,000 bushels Wheat. SHIPMENTS—4,000 bbls. Flour.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Jan. 12.—FLOUR steady; sales 1,500 bbls. at $7 50 for No. 1 Spring; $8 for Amber Winter; $8 50 for White Winter; $9 for Double Extra. WHEAT quiet; sales, 1,000 bushels White Michigan, $1 60. CORN dull; sales, in car lots, at 60c. BARLEY held at $1 @$1 03 for Up-lake Canada; $1 10 for Bay Quinte. RYE held at 80c. for Western. CORN-MEAL—$1 60 for Bolted; $1 55 for Unbolted. ₱ cwt. MILL-FEED firm; Shorts, $25; Shipstuffs, $23@$27; Middlings, $26@$30. ₱ ton. HIGHWINES, 89c. Railroad FREIGHTS—Flour, to Boston, 69c.; to New-York, 59c.; to Albany, 49c.

NEW-ORLEANS, Jan. 12.—COTTON active and excited; Middling, 21c.@21¾c.; net receipts, 5,783 bales; gross, 6,387 bales; exports, to Great Britain, 3,850 bales; to Coast, 2,927 bales; to a Baltic port, 2,950 bales; coastwise, 4,440 bales; sales, 10,000 bales; stock, 190,197 bales; net receipts of the week, 30,919 bales; gross, 32,495 bales; exports, to Great Britain, 16,487 bales; to the Continent, 9,620 bales; coastwise, 8,161 bales; sales of the week, 42,000 bales.

SAVANNAH, Jan. 12.—COTTON active and firm; Middling, 20¾c.@21c.; net receipts, 3,778 bales; exports to Great Britain, 3,732 bales; coastwise, 1,137 bales; sales, 2,800 bales; stock, 74,601 bales; net receipts of the week, 22,321 bales; exports to Great Britain, 13,991 bales; to the Continent, 7,555 bales; coastwise, 4,449 bales; sales of the week, 14,140 bales.

MOBILE, Jan. 12.—COTTON active and advancing; Middling, 20¾c.; net receipts, 1,000 bales; exports, coastwise, 4,167 bales; sales, 2,000 bales; stock, 59,717 bales; net receipts of the week, 10,776 bales; exports, to Great Britain, 5,605 bales; coastwise, 4,167 bales; sales of the week, 7,000 bales.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Friday, Jan. 12, 1872.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been as follows:

Ashes, pks	20	Resin, bbls	3,104
Bees-wax, pks	3,233	Oil-cake, pks	1,000
Cotton, bales	54	Pork, pks	1,706
Copper, bbls	19	Beef, pks	73
Copper, cakes	159	Cut-meats, pks	3,838
Dried Fruit, pks	827	Grease, pks	18
Eggs, bbls	9,787	Lard, pks	2,936
Flour, bbls	4,220	Lard, kegs	43
Wheat, bushels	38,600	Stearine, pks	89
Corn, bushels	14,022	Butter, pks	1,585
Oats, bushels	1,200	Cheese, pks	2,794
Malt, bushels	9,500	Tallow, pkgs	26
Barley, bushels	1,720	Lard oil, bbls	70
Grass-seed, bags	600	Dressed Hogs, No	1,405
Beans, bbls	297	Pea-nuts, bags	714
Peas, bushels	200	Sugar, (N. O.), hhds	133
Corn-meal, bbls	200	Starch, boxes	1,050
B. E. Peas, bags	100	Sumac, bags	280
Hemp, bales	22	Tea, half chests	694
Hops, bales	73	Tobacco, hhds	26
Hides, No	550	Tobacco, bxs & cs	854
Hides, bales	4	Whisky, bbls	431
Leather, a des	12,550	Wool, bales	142
Rice, tierces	10	Oil, bbls	133
Molasses, (N.O.), bbls	322	Green Apples, bbls	521
Spirits Turp., bbls	238	Spelter, pcs	289
Crude Turp., bbls	200		

The export clearances since our last, as reported at the Merchants' Exchange, Pine-street, have been as follows:

By the bark *Erna*, for Queenstown and orders—25,912 bushels Wheat.

By the steamer *Washington*, for Havre—26 bales Cotton, 30 bbls. Oysters, 8 cases Essence Oils, 24 pks. Fruits, 50 boxes Shoulders, 2 cases Cigars, 5,097 lbs. Lard, 4 pks. Hams, 1 cask Whisky, 704 lbs. Lard, 120 bbls. Potashes, 2 casks Sperm Oil, 3 Lathes, 75 lbs. Grease, 19 lbs. Sausage Skins.

By the ship *J. F. Chapman*, for Antwerp—5,324 bbls. Resin, 283 bales Cotton, 47 bdls. Whalebone, 273 bags Clover-seed, 162,046 lbs. Tallow, 650 lbs. Lard, 54 pks. Lard, 100 boxes Bacon, 200 bbls. Red Oil, 9,600 Staves, 714 logs Cedar.

By the ship *Wellington*, for Antwerp—5,333 bbls. Refined Petroleum, 659 bbls. Lubricating Oil, 200 bbls. Residium.

By the brig *Clarabelle*, for Trinidad—920 lbs. Butter, 40 kegs Spikes, 150 bars Iron, 300 bbls. Beef, 1,520 bdls. Shooks, 292 bdls. Heads, 580 bdls. Hoops, 1 Candle-machine.

By the brig *Mercedes*, for Guantanamo—22 pks. Drugs, 2,905 Shooks and Heads, 24,890 feet Boards.

By the bark *Emblyn*, for Falmouth, Jam.—1,025 bbls. Flour, 200 bbls. Corn-meal, 140 bbls. Crackers, 150 bbls. Bread, 1,618 lbs. Ham, 2,418 lbs. Butter, 50 boxes Cheese, 55 pks. Pens, 5 cases Matches, 500 cases Confidence Petroleum, 20 boxes Corn-starch, 15 bbls. Tongues.

By the brig *Rainbow*, for St. Thomas—2 pks. Oilmeal, 15 bales Duck, 1,711 lbs. Ham, 401 bbls. Flour, 118 bbls. Meal, 5 pks. Brooms, 10 cases Oil, 10 boxes Corn-Starch, 4 bbls. Beef, 100 nests Trunks, 1,703 lbs. Butter, 200 boxes Candles, 41 boxes Chairs, 11 pkg. Glass-ware, 45 kegs Nails, 11 boxes Tacks, 10 boxes Cement, 25 pks. Axes, 129 Trunks, 29 pks. Hardware, 3 boxes Tobacco, 50 reams Paper, 272 bdls. Shooks and Heads.

By the steamer *Cleopatra*,

The New York Times.

NEW-YORK, SATURDAY, JAN. 13, 1872.

Amusements This Evening.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—JULIUS CÆSAR—Mr. Edwin Booth. Matinée at 1.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—JOHN GARTH—Mr. Lester Wallack. Matinée at 1½.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—HUMPTY DUMPTY—Mr. G. L. Fox and Kiralfy Troupe. Matinée at 2.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.—NO THOROUGHFARE—Mr. Florence and Miss Lizzie Price. Matinée at 2.

ST. JAMES THEATRE.—MONALDI—Mr. James Steele Mackay. Matinée at 2.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.—DIVORCE—Characters by company. Matinée at 1½.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.—THE BLACK CROOK—Miss Kate Santley. Matinée at 2.

LINA EDWIN'S THEATRE.—LE PONT DES SOUPIRS. Matinée at 1½ o'clock—LA PERICHOLE.

UNION-SQUARE THEATRE.—VARIETY PERFORMANCE. Matinée at 2½.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE AND CURIOSITIES—Afternoon and Evening.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS.—EQUESTRIAN, GYMNASTIC AND ATHLETIC FEATS. Matinée at 2½.

BRYANT'S OPERA-HOUSE.—NEGRO MINSTRELSY—FARCES.

STEINWAY HALL.—SYMPHONY and POPULAR CONCERT. Matinée at 1 o'clock.

ASSOCIATION HALL.—Matinée at 2 o'clock—POPULAR CONCERT.

ADELPHI HALL.—Mr. Trenor's RECEPTION.

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We have received the following additional contributions on behalf of the Children's Aid Society: G. F., $5; MARY HAWTHORNE, $3. The necessities of the Society are still very great, and we would once again assure our readers that their charitable offerings could not possibly be better bestowed than in helping this, one of the most beneficent enterprises in the City.

We invite the special attention of our readers to the frank and forcible declaration handed in, yesterday, by the Court of Sessions Grand Jury, to Judge BEDFORD. It is just such a report as the public had a right to expect from the only Grand Jury which has been proved to possess the requisite honesty, energy, and independence to deal, in a satisfactory manner, with the huge mass of our municipal frauds. The cases already brought before the Jury are declared to represent over fifteen millions of dollars stolen from the City Treasury. For weeks, the efforts of the Jury to conclude the business before them have been rendered utterly powerless by the unprecedented length of the comparatively barren sittings of the Grand Jury of the Court of Over and Terminer. If Judge INGRAHAM has had any intention of wearing out the patience of Mr. COMSTOCK and his associates, and of defeating the unswerving determination of Judge BEDFORD to sustain his Grand Jury, he ought by this time to perceive that he is doomed to disappointment. The Grand Jury of the Court of Sessions have expressed their resolution to ask, at much personal sacrifice, for a further extension of time, and Judge BEDFORD has declared his intention of granting it. Judge INGRAHAM is incurring a very grave responsibility in refusing to dismiss the Oyer and Terminer Grand Jury, and after the report made in the Court of Sessions yesterday, he will invite universal public condemnation should he refrain any longer from performing a very obvious duty.

Both Senate and Assembly yesterday yielded to the temptation of running away from their work from Friday to Monday evening, thus practically surrendering two days of the one hundred that are allowed them by the Constitution. The excuse for this is, that there is very little work to do in the early part of the session. That is only partly true. Very little work is done, but there is nothing to prevent the Legislature from doing a great deal. The weekly vacations are an inheritance from the evil days of former times. It would be better to forego them in the future. They do not help the business of reform; that, and that alone, is what the Legislature was elected for.

The House Committees at Albany will shortly have their hands pretty full of subjects for investigation. The latest subject which has been set down for inquiry is the Quarantine abuses which have grown up under the fostering care of Dr. CARNOCHAN. Mr. JUDD and his associates on the Committee of Commerce and Navigation, need not spend much time in order to get facts more than sufficient to recommend the removal of the present Health Officer of the Port. The Committee of Seventy and the Chamber of Commerce are at present engaged in the very necessary work of preparing appropriate legislation for the reform of our much-abused system of port entries, Quarantine management, &c. Under any intelligent and equitable port laws, there would be no room for such men as CARNOCHAN and some of our present Harbor-Masters. The best way to investigate their transactions is to legislate them out of their positions by introducing a new and satisfactory system.

The organ of the "outs," in the matter of the Custom-house, yesterday discovered that the testimony "fully established all the charges made against the managers, who run the Custom-house as a political machine," and in support of this mild assertion cited some testimony to the effect that an Ex-Assistant Appraiser had said that an Ex-Collector had told him, that the President had told him, that he, the President, wished the Ex-Collector to tell the Ex-Assistant Appraiser that he, the President, "particularly desired the retention"—of whom? Of an opener and packer in the Appraiser's department, who earned three dollars a day, and with whose appointment or retention the President had no more connection than HORACE GREELEY. If the country does not stand aghast at this revelation, what is there that can rouse it?

Sleepers on the Track.

The corruptionists at Albany are trying as hard as they can to throw a few heavy sleepers on the track, so as to get the reform train off. They have been beaten once; but it is their hope that the public interest in the reform movement will soon die out, and that they will then be able to manage everything in their own way, just as they have done in the "good old times." Hence, we are informed, on authority which is only too good, that the Greeley-Fenton Republicans are gradually cementing a new alliance with the Tammany Democrats. One of the most active of the men in bringing about this coalition is "HANK" SMITH, who helped to keep the poor people out of the money which they put in the Bowling-green Savings Bank. Of "HANK" SMITH the public already know something, and what they do know is not at all to his credit. The *Tribune* now holds him up to our view as a model of all the virtues; but before it fell under the Tammany Republican influence—before Mr. GREELEY became a co-director with Boss TWEED in the Tobacco Manufacturing Company—it used to denounce him as a tool of the Ring. This is the man who is now burrowing about underground at Albany to sap the work of reform. VAN NORT's appointment to the Board of Works is one of his neat little performances. He has other surprises of the same kind in preparation for the public, and he counts upon the full support of FENTON and GREELEY in making them a success.

We have never been deluded by the theory that our work was done; the Tammany Republicans and Democrats are like gamblers, who, though they may lose their stakes one day, fully believe that luck will change the next, and that they will come out winners. They have a great deal of money to spend still—does any of it belong to the poor depositors of the Bowling-green and Guardian Savings Bank, Mr. "HANK" SMITH?—and they mean to bamboozle the public if they can. The corrupt Judges are to be kept on the Bench, because they may be "useful"—just as they were to FISK during his lifetime. The charter is to be turned into a weapon of corruption. "HANK" SMITH, BEN. MANIERRE, and Ancillary BARR are to be retained on the Police Commission—and make the force more inefficient and corrupt than it is now. This is only a part of the programme. In our own City the influence of these tactics is shown pretty plainly. Judge BEDFORD's Grand Jury is completely stultified by Judge INGRAHAM's Grand Jury. Judge INGRAHAM is inviting a pretty strong expression of public opinion, and we hope it will not be long before he receives it. It is very strange that any man in these days should covet the reputation which he is taking so much pains to build up. On Monday INGRAHAM's jury is to be put on a new scent. We shall see what comes of it. Anything the jury may do, under present circumstances, will naturally be regarded with general suspicion.

These are some of the features in the present stage of the struggle. We have promised to tell the public very plainly from time to time how their cause goes on, and in accordance with that pledge we lay before them these facts today. It is for them to decide whether a crooked disreputable set of politicians, like "HANK" SMITH and his dirty cronies, shall be allowed to step in and run away with all that was gained last November. There is something astounding in the impudence of this fellow SMITH—he and A. OAKEY HALL form a pretty pair in that respect; but he will yet be made to learn that the public will not submit to be wronged, after all their efforts, by a political impostor. Assemblymen and Senators will only bring themselves to ruin by following the advice of SMITH or any of his kidney. The party, or section of party, which undertakes now to revive Tammany rule in an altered form will inevitably be crushed to the earth. If there is any doubt at Albany on that point, we hope the Committee of Seventy will lose no time in calling a mass-meeting, and giving the people an opportunity of expressing their opinion. In this crisis, the only way to beat the "politicians" is for the leaders of reform to take the public frankly into their confidence, and tell them all that is going on. Let us have no secrets or mysteries on our side. Let us leave the underground grubbing business to be done by "HANK" SMITH and the other treacherous "Republicans," with their Democratic allies. The people will win this fight;—on that issue "HANK" SMITH may safely stake more money than the poor artisans lost in his rotten banks. No intrigues at Albany can prevent this result. Tammany knavery must be killed, not merely scotched, and HANK SMITH, who has been so active at the Delavan House during the week, will not be able to save it.

What Appears Concerning the Custom-House.

The crying injustice discovered by the clamorous assailants of the Administration in the General Order business, so far as they have defined their complaints, is this: The system at present practiced was a change to the disadvantage of merchants, and in the interest of a monopoly, which monopoly was granted to Mr. LEET at the solicitation of the President. The more reckless slanderers have gone so far as to say that the President shared in its profits, and this was insinuated in a contemptible and cowardly manner by Senator SCHURZ. What is shown by the testimony? First, it is shown, as the *Evening Post* declared the other day, that not a particle of evidence exists that the President has any interest, direct or indirect, immediate or contingent, in the General Order business. Second, it is shown, and admitted by the *Nation*—another paper particularly severe on the alleged evils of the business—that Gen. GRANT never solicited the business for Mr. LEET, did not expect he would solicit it for himself, and remonstrated with him concerning the impropriety of his accepting it while connected with the army. Third, it is shown that the business as now conducted, was a change made by Mr. GRINNELL, whom all the opponents of the system seem to consider an irreproachable man, as incapable of wrong as the monarch of England. Fourth, it is shown, by the testimony of those who use the General Order stores to the extent of the greatest part of the business transacted in them, that the system not only is not a general disadvantage to merchants, but is a positive benefit to all those who import by any other lines than the Bremen and Cunard. Fifth, it is shown that instead of being a newly-created monopoly, it is an actual release from an old monopoly previously enjoyed by the latter-named Companies. These are facts, as they stand at present, with reference to the General Order system.

With reference to the use of the Custom-house as a political machine, nearly as many exaggerations have been made. Mr. MURPHY, who is accused of having turned out all Mr. FENTON's men, is shown to have made absolutely fewer removals than his predecessor, to have removed fewer in proportion to the time he was in office, and to have removed a smaller percentage of the force under him. The figures are as follows: Mr. GRINNELL in sixteen months removed 510 of 602 men, being fifty-seven per cent.; Mr. MURPHY in eighteen months removed only 338, being but 36½ per cent. Strange to say, too, testimony was elicited yesterday to show that in 1870, under GRINNELL, the Custom-house interfered, with its patronage in the State Convention. Then, however, "the Custom-house was for GREELEY," as the witness, who said he himself was "an outsider for GREELEY," frankly admitted. Everybody will perceive the difference it makes whether the *Tribune* ox is gored, or the *Tribune* bull gores some one else's ox.

Claims that Must be Met.

Before the Legislature proceeds to the consideration of the best form of government for this City, it must make provision against the affairs of the City being allowed to sink, meanwhile, into utter chaos. Senator BENEDICT, with the approval of his colleagues, and under the indorsement of the leading Reformers of New-York, introduced a bill to enable the City Government to settle the arrears of the just liabilities of the past year, and to pay all necessary expenses during the next four months. The only section of the bill which has become law, is that empowering the Controller to pay the $6,869,100 of Revenue Bonds falling due on Monday next. An amended bill was referred yesterday to the Committee on Cities. Its clause simply provide for the current expenditure of last year, which still remains unpaid, and the daily increasing liabilities of the present year, which no one has any authority to meet. The legal claims which are overdue are obviously most pressing. The nature of these is very plainly set forth in the following passages of Controller GREEN's memorial, presented on the first day of the meeting of the Legislature:

"The expenditures of the City and County Governments during the first eight months of the year amounted to nearly, if not quite as much as the whole sum authorized to be expended for the whole year, and engagements had been entered into by the various Departments of these Governments that will require large sums for their liquidation. Many of the Departments are largely in arrears for their current expenses for salaries and wages, for maintenance of almshouses, and for other demands of an urgent character. The creditors of the City are pressing for payment. There are no means in the Treasury to meet their demands, and no lawful authority exists to provide the means for them. Moneys have been generously advanced by several of the banks and insurance companies of the City to pay the wages of laboring men and the employes of the Fire Department, and for other necessary purposes, and the undersigned would respectfully suggest that provision be made for the reimbursement of these advances."

No one who has any concern either for the dignity or the credit of the City, can possibly desire to avoid the immediate payment of such claims. They must be paid some day, and it would be equally cruel and shabby to make contractors, laboring men, charitable institutions and City clerks suffer one day longer than is necessary for the promiscuous and wholesale robberies of the defunct Ring. The outstanding claims against the City, as now ascertained, do not amount to less than ten millions. Senator BENEDICT and his colleagues will only ask for four and a half millions from the Legislature to satisfy claims which are undoubtedly legal and urgently pressing.

With regard to the future, it is as well that the fact should be distinctly understood that with the month already half gone, there is no legal authority in New-York to pay the monthly salaries of the Police force, the school-teachers, the Judges, or any others in the City employ. The Controller has the legal power to issue bonds, but he has no authority to expend a dollar of their proceeds. It must be perfectly obvious that this anomalous state of things cannot continue. The remodeled bill of Senator BENEDICT is so framed as to give Controller GREEN the power of appropriating as well as of raising money. We trust that the Legislature will not be misled by any talk about "extraordinary powers," and such like, in dealing with the proposal. Somebody must, during the next four months, be vested with the power of making the necessary appropriations for the current expenses of the City. If the opponents of the bill in the Legislature know of anybody more competent to do this, or who more perfectly possesses the public confidence than Controller GREEN, the sooner they name him the better. At present the existence of such a person is unknown to the citizens of New-York.

The bill introduced by Mr. TWOMBLY has a similar purport to that of Senator BENEDICT's. It aims at accomplishing the same ends by much more cumbrous and questionable methods. It is an essentially objectionable measure, inasmuch as it proposes to give Mayor HALL a fresh chance of trying his hand at the business of apportionment, for which his utter unfitness, not to use a stronger term, has been very conclusively demonstrated. Instead of trusting the Controller, whom alone of the officials designated the people trust, TWOMBLY's bill proposes to give HALL and his nominee, VAN NORT, the power of "fixing things" so as to suit themselves and their Tammany Democratic and Republican allies. The proposal of a new special Board of Audit, and of an interim Board of Apportionment, are equally objectionable, whether considered in their administrative or political significance. Senator BENEDICT's bill has the approval of the Committee of Seventy, and of all thoroughgoing Reformers, and it ought to pass. If Gov. HOFFMAN does veto it, as he is said to have threatened, then it will do the public no harm and the Governor very little good to have him compelled to explain the reason why.

The Woman Suffrage Question.

Since the publication of a few remarks on this question in a recent number of the TIMES, we have received a large quantity of letters respecting it, and we are bound to say that five-sixths of them are adverse to the proposed extension of the franchise. In these busy days we are only able to find room for a small number of these communications, and in making the selection we have endeavored to give an equal number on both sides. Our object has been simply to give opportunity—so far as our crowded columns will permit—for fair discussion; not believing, as we said before, that the subject is a fit one for ridicule or other nonsense. We cannot reply at any length to the answers to our former article, but we will single out the plea of one advocate of the proposed change, and say a few words on that. We pick out this one, because it is upon the whole the clearest and ablest of all, and seems to us to leave no important point untouched. It is published in the *Golden Age*, and we would reprint the article in full but for those inexorable considerations of space before referred to.

We asked what proportion of women demanded the suffrage? To this the *Golden Age* replies:

"We cannot tell, except that their name is legion. There are no accurate statistics. We used to be inquired of by the abettors of slavery, What proportion of slaves 'ask' for freedom? Nobody ever could tell, but the Abolitionists always thought it safe to guess a very large figure. The result has proved them correct in their surmise."

This argument does not seem to us to apply to the present subject. No one ever heard of the slaves petitioning *against* emancipation—but petitions have been presented by women to Congress against woman suffrage. Large numbers of women are unquestionably opposed to it. This one fact shows that there is no parallel between the slavery question and the woman suffrage question. The better answer to our question is that a hundred thousand women signed one petition for admission to the suffrage, and that eighteen thousand letters have been received by the editor of the *Golden Age* on the same side. These facts are acceptable as helping us to form a judgment on one special point.

But, our contemporary goes on to argue, "will the TIMES confess that a question of right is to be decided merely by numbers? * * * If not a solitary woman should 'ask' for the equal political rights which justly belong to all citizens, nevertheless women as well as other citizens should be endowed with each and all of these rights."

This raises a much broader question, and it is one on which the advocates of woman suffrage very strongly rely. They demand the suffrage as a *right*. To this we reply that the founders of the Constitution, who may be supposed to have known something about it, never acknowledged that all men, even, had a *right* to vote. This is entirely a modern idea. The early State Constitutions all placed restrictions on the exercise of the franchise. In many States such restrictions still exist. If the suffrage is the birthright of all, why fix the age of twenty-one at which it may first be exercised? The truth is that the suffrage is based—whether avowedly or not—upon the old principle that the family is the unit of society, and that when the male members of a family vote there is a fair representation. But it may be said that in consequence of the death of the husband and father, the woman is often the head of the family, and pays taxes, and therefore is subjected to a hardship in not having any voice in the disposition of those taxes. We say that there is a great deal of force in that objection, especially as applied to municipal elections, and we cannot believe that there would be any serious opposition to the proposal to allow women to the suffrage who were *bona fide* tax-payers in their own right.

Again, we asked whether it was desirable to admit dissolute women to the suffrage? We are told that there are two parties to her depravity, the woman and the man—and the woman "is no more criminal than the man." This seems to be begging the question. The virtue of men has never been adjudged by the same standard as that of women—and for reasons which are well known, and sufficiently obvious. The family relations are all destroyed by the depravity of women; only indirectly (though often unhappily) affected by the depravity of men. The question of succession to property, of true relationship in the family, is vitally affected by the former—and scarcely at all by the latter. Morally, there may not be much difference in the degree of guilt. But socially the difference is enormous. This is a very delicate subject to argue out in a newspaper; and we can only briefly touch upon it.

We think that the advocates of woman suffrage demand too much, and demand it too peremptorily. The public generally—women included—are not prepared to admit that the change is desirable or necessary. And it is useless to scold the public. They are right in the main, and it is for the woman-suffrage party to convince their judgment before putting their demands in too impetuous a manner.

Savings Banks and Check Accounts.

Savings banks and banks of deposit and discount being established and maintained for entirely different purposes, there should naturally be a great difference in their methods of conducting business. Banks of deposit and discount are intended to facilitate the financial operations of merchants and traders generally, and it was in furtherance of this design that the present system of checks was adopted. As each bank has a specified amount of cash capital, its directors are allowed to take risks in the way of lending money, the profits on these coming to the bank stockholders, and not the depositors, and the losses, if any, being paid out of the capital or surplus of the bank. As long as this business is carried on with reasonable care, and the capital does not become seriously impaired by losses, the rights of depositors are in no wise unreasonably hasarded, nor is their money likely to be lost. It was intended that these banks should pay their expenses and make money from loaning money and discounting paper, and as long as no extra hazardous risks are taken they fulfill the object for which they were created.

Savings banks, on the other hand, are intended to receive the surplus earnings of persons who can lay aside but a little at a time, and who could not, without such institutions, obtain any interest on their small accumulations. They are emphatically not money-making institutions, the trustees who control them receiving no emoluments for their services. It is intended that these trustees should be well-known citizens who are above any self-seeking in such a benevolent enterprise, and are content to invest the savings intrusted to them in the securities prescribed by law, and to honestly turn over the proceeds of this investment to the depositors in the shape of interest. As savings banks have no capital, if they attempt to do a business involving risk, similar to that of a discount and deposit bank, any losses that are incurred must be borne by the depositors—a plan which is eminently unjust, and contrary to the design for which savings institutions were incorporated.

Of late, several of the up-town savings banks, mistaking their vocation, or influenced by a desire to realize more than the legitimate profits from their business, have taken deposits from trades-people, alluring them to check on these accounts, without the presentation of a pass-book, as is ordinarily required in savings banks, doing, in fact, the business for which the banks of deposit and discount were specially created. In the payment of checks without a pass-book there is danger from forgeries, which cannot occur when the bank-book is produced with the check. So, too, when accounts can be drawn on at sight, it becomes necessary to keep on hand a large amount of current funds to meet such demands, thereby directing a large amount of money from investment in the interest-paying securities required by law.

Such a mixing of the proper business of savings banks with the daily banking business of the community is not only entirely foreign to the proper sphere of saving institutions, but tends to impair their stability, and may make them instruments by which needy and designing men may rob the poor. The suspension of the Guardian and Bowling-green Saving Banks shows that, in spite of the safeguards which the law has placed about these institutions, there are still means by which the money of depositors may be jeopardized, if not squandered, by designing directors. It would be a great calamity to have the faith of the working classes in the stability of savings banks impaired; and unless means are taken to confine them to their legitimate business, failure or suspensions of such institutions are likely to occur, even where no touch of the fatal leprosy of the Ring is visible.

Mr. Greeley and the Charter of 1870.

Mr. GREELEY repeats for the twentieth time a fiction about his going up to Albany in the Spring of 1870 to oppose the charter then pending before the Legislature. Here is the latest form in which Mr. GREELEY tells the story:

"We went up, at the request of the Union League Club, expressly to oppose that charter, and did what we could to that end, first in an argument before the Committee on Cities, then in a frank, familiar conference with the Republican Senators in the side-room of their Chamber, after the Senate had adjourned. We adduced considerations which seemed to us irresistible against Republicans supporting that charter. It being objected that the Republicans (fifteen) were not strong enough to defeat it, we went out and obtained assurances that, if they opposed it, the bill should surely be beaten. There we left the matter; and next day every Republican Senator but one (Hon. FRANCIS S. THAYER, of Troy,) voted *for* the charter, and it passed."

We have already shown in these columns that there is not a word of truth in the above, and that Mr. GREELEY took substantially the same ground with regard to the charter of 1870 as that taken by the TIMES, which he has so often told his readers was a "zealous advocate of TWEED's charter." It happens, unfortunately for Mr. GREELEY, that the speech he made before the Senate Committee on Cities was published in full in the New-York papers next morning, and contradicts, in almost every line, the above statement in the *Tribune*. We have not room to republish the speech in full, but the following is the opening paragraph, and is of the same tenor as the whole, so far as opposition to the charter is concerned:

"I appear on behalf of a meeting of citizens convened at a meeting of the Union League Club, and representing a large amount of tax-paying interest, and earnestly devoted to good government. I feel very certain I speak the minds of a majority of that meeting when I say that they do not wish to be regarded by your Committee as either advocates or opponents of the document now before you. They ask me to offer, as one of their number, certain amendments they wish to be made to that charter, but they do not offer them in any factious spirit. Nor do they desire to be understood as enemies of the charter reform. They ask me to assure you that reform is an especial necessity of the City, and as they regard this charter as embodying many excellent advances to reform, we are not here to ask you to reject it; we ask you to improve it."

Among the "improvements" which Mr. GREELEY suggested to the charter was the abolition of the office of Corporation Counsel, and the giving to Mayor HALL the appointment of that official. This *improvement* was not adopted in the original charter, but the "Ring" soon discovered the advantage that it would give them in consolidating their power, and at the next session of the Legislature (1871) they followed Mr. GREELEY's suggestion, and amended the charter so as to impose the services of their convenient tool, RICHARD O'GORMAN, upon the people, against their wishes, for four years more. Other amendments urged by Mr. GREELEY before the Committee, had already been incorporated in the charter, before he made his speech, as appears from the report. The burden of Mr. GREELEY's address to the Committee was, not opposition to the charter, but the necessity of accompanying it by a stringent election law that should secure a fair and honest vote in this City. Such a law had already been agreed upon, and was the chief inducement for Republicans to vote for the charter. In order to satisfy Mr. GREELEY and the Republican Senators, the Election law was put on its passage before the charter, so as to prevent the possibility of their being cheated. The Election law was agreed on, and prevented twenty thousand fraudulent votes in the Fall of 1870: but the Democrats repealed it the following session, and so Mr. GREELEY was cheated in the end. The charter of 1870 also underwent great alterations for the worse in 1871—among which was a clause authorizing the selection of nine daily and nine weekly papers to publish the Corporation advertisements. But the more objectionable the charter was made the better, Mr. GREELEY appeared to like it and its authors. After the selection of the *Tribune* as a Corporation paper, the public heard very little from that sheet about the evils of the charter, or of the men who administered the City Government; and it is a noteworthy fact that the *Tribune* is today receiving at the rate of fifty thousand dollars a year of the money of our tax-payers, given to it as a gag by the very men whose charter of 1870 it now falsely claims to have opposed with all its might.

Autographs.

The passion for autographs is a harmless one, however absurd it may seem to those who have escaped its influence. Yet, without at all sharing it, every sympathetic mind can readily feel the force of this influence, and trace the source of the pleasure it yields to its votaries. There is a character in handwriting, as such researches as those of Mr. CHABOT so manifestly show. In the loop of a letter, or the slant of a stroke, a skillful observer will find indicated the temper, the bent, even the habits and mental constitution of the writer. Even without venturing into such subtleties, every autograph from a famous hand must have for its possessor a great and peculiar charm. It brings him as it were into the confidence of the great man who penned the faded lines. It is as if he were actually holding one by the hand, and speaking the very words traced on the yellowing pages. And when the autograph is the original copy of some celebrated book, the charm is proportionately increased. To its owner, thenceforth, that book has been written for him alone. He has become the intimate of genius.

To this pleasant and certainly inoffensive enthusiasm there was offered at London, about a fortnight since, a rare and most delightful treat. This was the sale at auction of the private library of RICHARD BENTLEY, the publisher, lately deceased. Since the time of the great BENTLEY, known to all the literary world for the daring ingenuity of his emendations of classic authors, and the frequent absurdities of his critical conjectures on the poets of his own land, the name has always been associated with letters. The publisher just dead issued the works of many of the most famous English writers of recent times, and his collection embraced many original manuscripts of works that are now household words. Among these were three quarto volumes, handsomely bound in Russia leather, and inscribed "*Harold*," being the copy, just as it came from the author's own hand, of Lord LYTTON's romance. Many of COOPER's novels were there also, "interleaved with emendations in the author's hand." DICKENS, Mrs. INCHBALD, ALBERT SMITH, that almost forgotten poet HAYLEY, and many another writer, memorable or obscure, contributed to this unusual collection of autographs.

What were the prices brought by these precious words we do not know. No doubt they sold pretty much as the printed impressions which satisfy ordinary people, and the chirography of DICKENS or COOPER or Lord LYTTON was found to be more valuable than that of Mrs. INCHBALD or poor forgotten HAYLEY. But there is as little doubt that not a few who read these lines would gladly have been the highest bidders for the curiosities of this unique collection. We condole with their affliction, yet we trust it may be long before any eminent publisher of our own land shall afford a consolation in kind.

MINOR TOPICS.

Would it not be well for some eminent whitewasher to exercise his art on the northern wall of the late lamented Guardian Savings Bank, in Chatham-street? All who come down the Bowery see the names of this swindling concern and its managers staring them in the face. Why perpetuate, as on a monument of brass, the names of "WILLIAM M. TWEED, President, and WALTER ROCHE and OWEN W. BRENNAN, Vice-Presidents?" We assume that neither of these familiar names would now lend much credit to any other bank than one of the fare "stripe;" and as the "Guardian" has fulfilled its mission in extracting money from the poor for the speculative purposes of certain rich rogues, and is likely to merit its title by "guarding" the remaining funds safely beyond the reach of those to whom they belong—it seems hardly worth while to fling in the faces of the poor dupes this "banner on the outer wall." Moreover, the sign has accomplished its object. The poor, by hundreds, have been drawn into the trap, and are floundering about therein with small prospect of escape. The concern is in the hands of a receiver, and of course will never do any more business. If the names cannot be taken down from the wall, at least let some confederate of the Ring prove to the public that the bank is in a perfectly solvent condition, and invite fresh deposits in it.

If anybody supposed that Mr. THOMAS NAST and *Harper's Weekly* were done with Mr. TWEED and his friends, intimate or remote, the latest number of the *Weekly* will undeceive them. In that the obstinate Senator elect is treated to a broadside of caricature. He is represented putting up a poster advertisement for "eleven Winans" to help him to his seat in the Senate—as brooding in sight of Sing Sing, in the character of NAPOLEON III., after Sedan, before Wilhelmshoehe—as getting his hair cut by "Justice, State Barber," in prison fashion—and in various other surroundings suggestive of infamy. Mayor HALL, also, is impaled, nor does the venerable H. G. escape. The latter suffers acutely in a pictorial statement by Mr. NAST of "What I Know About Horace Greeley." It brings out the associations and motives of the *Tribune* candidate for the Presidency in a fashion which must be painful to the subject, and will strike the disinterested observer as equally telling and timely.

Commodore VANDERBILT was exceedingly Oracular in his replies to the deputation of Fourth-avenue property-owners, and others, who waited upon him yesterday in regard to the sinking of the railroad track. In one opinion expressed by him, he has, however, the entire concurrence of the public—and that was, "the thing's got to be done pretty quick—this year." The road immediately above the depot has become a greater nuisance than ever. The nightly screeching of whistles and ringing of bells have been renewed in all their original vigor, and the silent signal system should be immediately put in operation, pending the completion of the more protracted business of sinking the track.

M. THIERS' Minister of Finance introduced yesterday, the details of his plan for the taxation of raw materials, i. e. for killing the goose which lays the golden eggs. France may succeed in getting some little revenue out of an import duty in cotton, for example, but she is likely to lose a good deal more by the inevitable effect which such a duty will have of putting Rouen and Lyons out of the competition which they have heretofore sustained against Manchester in sundry foreign markets. Such a tax will also have the effect of neutralizing the effect of the duties which will doubtless be imposed on manufactured cotton, to protect the French maker against competition in the home market. France needs, above all things, time to allow her natural resources to have a fair chance of fresh development, and the cumbrous tariff which her statesmen appear to be bent on framing, is the most effective way of preventing this.

Our dispatches from New-Orleans this morning indicate the probability of a collision between the two bodies claiming to be the Legislature of the unfortunate State of Louisiana. This prospect would be more disquieting if we were not assured that the Cabinet have decided that the army shall assist the legally-constituted Government to preserve the peace. To that extent, and no further, the President will interfere.

We advise every one who wants an intelligible opinion from an experienced man, as to the exact nature of the General Order business of the New-York Custom-house, about which so much has been written within the last fortnight, to read the letter on the subject in another column. It will be found not only definite and detailed, but, what will agreeably surprise most readers, considering its subject, exceedingly interesting.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

The Convention in Washington—S. P. Andrews Hissed off the Platform—Anthony and Woodhull—Hearing Before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—In the Woman Suffrage Convention, today, STEPHEN PEARL ANDREWS, the "Pantarch," attempted to make a speech upon spiritualism and his peculiar views of sociology. The audience refused to hear him, and he was hissed and hooted off the stage amid repeated cries of "Dr. MARY WALKER—Dr. WALKER!—WALKER!" and the like. The Convention closes to-night. It has not been as lively as was anticipated, from the promise made by WOODHULL lately, and it was noticed that she has performed a less conspicuous part than usual. Miss ANTHONY defended her association in the suffrage movement with WOODHULL, and said if the lowest woman of the town declared herself willing to labor in the cause, she should have a seat on the platform beside herself.

The majority of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, viz., Messrs. Trumbull, Carpenter, Frelinghuysen, Poole and Conkling, this morning heard the woman suffragists. Messrs. Thurman and Edmunds were absent. The room was densely crowded, principally with women. Mrs. ISABELLA HOOKER made the opening speech, and was followed by Mrs. STANTON, who contended that the right of female suffrage is already conferred by the Constitution, but a declaratory law to that effect is required.

Miss ANTHONY said the withholding of suffrage from women was an outrage against humanity. If the same wrong were perpetrated on men it would occasion rebellion. She wanted the Committee to report one way or another, so they might be distinguished as friends or enemies. Mrs. LOCKWOOD exhibited a memorial signed, it was said, by 90,000 females of New-York, asking for a declaratory law. The signers were of the highest culture. Senator TRUMBULL said the Committee would give the subject due consideration.

NOTES OF TRAVEL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1871.

The weather "sharps" of the signal service were true prophets, for the great coast-storm is upon us. It is something tremendous, stupendous! We are shut in by a leaden wall of rain—"corraled," or, to speak more poetically, "enclosed in a tumultuous privacy of storm." So at last I get a chance to write. Duty is, at the best, a little dismal, and I go to my work on this dark and tempestuous day in no hilarious mood. Yet everybody else is having a damp jubilee. Universal California rejoices in this flood as it never rejoiced in sunshine and soft airs! What wonders it will do for the crops, and what miracles for the gardens. These last, it seems to me, scarcely need it. After all I had heard of this flowery region, I was surprised, and have continued to be surprised, to find this city, in a season almost without precedent for drouth, so abounding in flowers and blossoming shrubs. Gray garden walls are brimmed with odorous bloom, and spill the fragrant brightness over on to the steep highway, sweetening the toil of the weary passer by.

The hills of San Francisco I do not object to when the weather is fair, and I am not too tired. They give great picturesqueness and distinctiveness to the city, and a peculiar foreign aspect, reminding one of old Edinburgh or Genoa. The higher you go the purer and dryer is the air, and the finer the prospect. Invalids should not remain down in the business part of the town, during the Winter at least. This, I am told, is the most healthful and agreeable season for a sojourn in San Francisco. The cold winds which blow fiercely and continually through the mock Summer are laid, and bright and balmy weather is the rule. Incredible as the stories of MUNCHAUSEN, seem the accounts which come to us of the heavy snows and intense cold on the other slope of the continent.

I remember that in my last I promised to give a faithful account of a journey to San José, and of an odd adventure that befel me. Ill luck attended that little expedition from the beginning. A friend who was to have accompanied me failed me at the last moment. It was Saturday afternoon. I went to the station in good time for the 3:10 train to find that on that day it went at 2:10, was already gone, and I had more than two hours to wait for the last evening train. I walked the platform furiously for half an hour, like a Beecher or a Dickinson, then, seeing that "Woodward's Garden," a famous and a really interesting and beautiful pleasure resort, was near by, I went over there with murderous intent against time. But can anything be more melancholy than such a compulsory "bender?" Disappointed, vexed, tired, solitary, nothing moved me to wonder or admiration. I went into the tropical conservatory, but saw nothing better than we have at Washington, and nothing new, except the "miracle flower," so called, named the *Espiritu Sanctu*, or Holy Ghost—a little white blossom, which, to a devout imagination, bears some resemblance to a dove with extended wings. I was disappointed in finding it so small, and said as much to the Irish gardener, who took fire (holy fire) at once, and indignantly asked if I had expected it to be "as big as a live pigeon." I meekly answered "No," but that the advertisement had led me to expect something like a good-sized squab. As I passed on I have no doubt that man set me down as having committed "the unpardonable sin."

I did not linger in the Art Gallery, for "art is long," especially the Greek Slave, "and time is fleeting." I went into the skating rink and sat down in a festive crowd of my fellow-beings, who knew me not. I could have eaten peanuts with perfect impunity. There was a "skatorial queen" and a "champion skater." But man on rollers delighted not me, nor woman neither. The champion imitated a drunken man to the life, but even that failed to cheer me. A handsome trapeze performer leaped and plunged in mid-air, like a gigantic frog, in tinsel and tight, and not a pulse thrilled with generous admiration or alarm. He performed also as a tumbler and contortionist, but the prospect of his tying himself in an acrobatic hard knot and being unable to untie himself was naught to me. I fear that if he had broken his neck in one of his compound somersaults I should have regarded the catastrophe with something of the cool philosophy of Bridget in the kitchen: "Sure, thin, what's one tumble, more nor less?"

After that exhibition I did not dare to visit the monkey department, for fear that it would be "borne in upon me" that Mr. DARWIN's theory is true. I did not even visit the pet seals, but I should wish myself one, with a nice little tank to disport in and a comfortable rock to sleep on, instead of being obliged to flop over a continent, seeking rest and finding none.

On the train, at last, and away! It was early twilight when we passed Millbrae, and the magnificent country-seat of Mr. MILLS, the President of the Bank of California, and dusk when we went by Belmont. With the fall of night the wind rose. There was a full moon, but it pursued its creditable career under difficulties—now wading through drifting clouds, now quite hidden from view. I sat alone by a window, silent, of course, looking out on the shadowy, flying landscape, and watching that determined and indomitable luminary, the only familiar face in sight. I mused on the mysteries of creation, and studied out the trimming for a new gown. I yawned, I dosed—the way seemed intolerably long. At last came the conductor for the tickets, and I asked, "How soon shall we reach San José?"

"In about fifteen minutes, ma'am."

I got together my traps—then settled down against the window, took another lunar observation, and dozed, it seemed to me, full fifteen minutes. The train stopped. A family party near me rose and went out, and I rose and went out after them. By the way, the names of stations are not called on these California railroads. People hereabouts are supposed to have but their canines. I looked neither to the right, nor the left, but walked forward to where I saw a light, to claim my baggage. Here I soon discovered that I was not at San José. The train was starting—I started too, to jump aboard—but suddenly changed my mind. Five years ago I should have done it. Now I have outgrown such follies. I found myself left at a little way-station, several miles this side of San José, and with scarce a house in sight! My emotions, when I saw that locomotive go snorting and prancing off, whisking his tail of cars—and when I looked around me, on the strange, lovely landscape, can be slightly better imagined than described. I felt like my good friend, "Sunset" COX, on the occasion when he was caught out in a wild storm in the Rocky Mountains—I "wanted to go home."

Then began a hurried and, on my part, an exciting dialogue with the Station-master.

"Can I hire a carriage here?"

"No, ma'am; there's no such thing to be had. I did have a buggy last year, but it's broke."

"What is the nearest town ahead?"

"Santa Clara."

"How far away?"

"About four miles."

"Can't I telegraph to a hotel there for a carriage to be sent here for me?"

"You might, ma'am, but the telegraph operator has took sick, and gone home."

"Well, what can I do? I can't stay here all night."

"Why no, that's so! If you're used to the saddle, I've got a horse you can ride to some house hereabouts where you can get a vehicle of some sort."

I assented gladly, and I flatter myself pluckily to this vague proposition—but that romantic horseback ride, by moonlight, was not to be. The travelers who had left the cars with me—a party consisting of a gentleman farmer, his wife and baby, (which their name is PUTNAM,) had a carriage waiting for them. They saw my painful embarrassment, and PUTNAM himself, with true Christian chivalry, refused to leave me there, or to consent to the proposed equestrian arrangement. In short, he invited me to go home with them, take supper, and then, if I could not spend the night, he said I should be sent over to San José. How pleasantly and gratefully I remember the hearty, manly way in which this "aid and comfort" was proffered. And yet he had no idea who I was, —to him I was only an unprotected and very stupid female in difficulties. In fact, I was ashamed to reveal myself. I accepted his kind offer—I could not do otherwise, but I felt inexpressibly mortified, and astonished that I, old traveler as I am, could be capable of making a blunder so incredible. My new friend and helper tried to divert my thoughts, as we drove over to his place, by remarking on the moon, and the ominous halo around it; but I had done "mooning" enough in the cars. Before a pleasant wood-fire, in the parlor of a pretty farm-house, I at last made myself known, (I didn't compromise the TIMES,) to find to my comfort that both my host and hostess were old friends, "according to the spirit." After this "everything was lovely." We had a warm supper, and then the whole party of good Samaritans (barring the baby) went with me over to San José—a six-mile drive, half of it leading under the grand arches of the Alameda, an avenue of oaks, willows and sycamores planted nearly a hundred years ago by the Padres of the old missions of Santa Clara and San José. The night was still a little wild, with cold winds and driving clouds. The shadows of the gnarly old trees had a wierd effect, tossing and surging like spectral waves, on the white sand of the lonely road, where nothing was heard but the quick fall of our horses' hoofs, the creaking of swaying branches and the rustle of drifting leaves. We reached San José at about 10 o'clock, took leave of each other, and my adventure was over. Though the mishap was a little rough at the time, I would not lose the recollection of it for any entertainment my San Francisco friends can give me, and that is saying a great deal. It made me think better of human nature, (not that I ever thought very ill of it,) and love generous, hospitable Californians more than ever, and it took the conceit out of me as a strong-minded woman of the world, independent, and knowing a thing or two about traveling. Since that experience I am a sore trial to conductors in my fear of getting somewhere, or not getting somewhere, without knowing it.

I have tempted the gods by a second visit to San José and Santa Clara. There is an odor of defunct sanctity all over this region. San José is a beautiful city, with some pleasant drives beside the ever-charming Alameda, a noble new Court-house and several fine private residences. The show-place is Gen. NEGLEY's, and it is one which any prince might be proud of, and such as few princes deserve. At Santa Clara there is a large Jesuit college and an old adobe church. The latter is a dim, damp, musty, weather-stained, and earth-quake-marred edifice, adorned with some curious, not to say grotesque frescos, painted, it is said, long ago by a native artist, an Indian convert. If so, "the last state of that man was worse than the first." One of the pictures on the wall—that of a saintly old monk in his cell—is so striking a likeness of the sagacious and loquacious statesman of Kentucky, GARRET DAVIS, that one could almost believe it a portrait of that venerable Senator, doing penance for his sins of speech, or taking sanctuary here from the evil rule of Republicanism and the buffetings of BUTLER.

We were very courteously shown all through the College, which seems an excellent institution, admirably practical in its character. The inner court, or garden, with its long piazzas, its aloes, myrtles, roses, and lemon, orange, almond and olive trees, reminded me of the cloisters and court in the picturesque old inn of *Amalfi*, once a convent. The whole scene was marvelously like Italy—the Jesuit priests, with their long black robes; the quaint old church, the older cross before it. Even the picturesque peasant figures were there, lounging about the church-door and kneeling before the shrine of the Virgin. Some swarthy Mexicanos looked the lazzaroni character to the life. But, thank heaven, they did not beg, or smell of garlic like the genuine Neapolitan article; and there were no snuffy, shuffling, shaven old mendicant friars to be seen.

San Francisco has been having a sensation lately, which has shaken the many-hilled city like a mild earthquake. Ghost faces have appeared in divers window-panes about town! The first spectre of this kind was discovered in the front window of a very respectable house occupied by a widow, who, it is said, recognized it as the apparition of her late husband. It caused a tremendous excitement. Jones, living, might have gazed out of that window, with that doleful expression, (for it is a most infelicitous-looking ghost,) for every day of a long and virtuous life, and nobody would have heeded him; but Jones, defunct, drew half the town to gape at him. Of course *I* went to see the crowd. That, by the way, was what everybody said they went to see. I found that the widow had been so beset by visitors and reporters that she had brought herself, for a consideration, to part a second time with her husband—one gets used to these afflictions—and that he had been removed to *Woodward's Garden*, where he was drawing, well. Scarcely was he gone when other ghosts appeared in neighboring windows, staring out of their crystalline limbo, on a marveling or mocking world, looking more or less miserable, as though in purgatorial pains. These new-comers I saw, and I must confess that they were to me something quite inexplicable. They seem to have been done in, not *on*, the glass, and are scarcely of a character to serve any purpose of ornamental art. They are the very diabolism of photography. I cannot even guess at the process by which they are made to appear, as and where they are. But ghost "sharps" tell me they are quite inferior to the original apparition now at the Garden. That, however, is said to be fading slowly away. Jones evidently doesn't feel at home there. He was a family man. Bids are not lively for the other panes—the spectre business has been overdone, and speculators are fearful of taking a glass too much.

Preceding and surviving the ghost-faces, as a sensation, was the production, at the California Theatre, of the pleasant play of "Solid Silver," written by a distinguished member of the California Bar, Mr. W. H. L. BARNES, a gentleman of rare eloquence, wit and culture, and so young that noble things may be hoped and reasonably expected of him, both in law and literature, if he does not permit the great, insidious, incroaching flood of occidental social life to swamp his best faculties and energies.

This play was, I am told, written during an inforced retirement from professional duties, after a severe illness, to while away the slow hours of convalescence—to kill sick time. If Mr. BARNES can be so ingenious, clever and witty as an invalid, on a diet of toast and tea, with doctors threatening and doses impending, what might he not be as a well man, in his study, buckling right down to his work, as a regular, earnest dramatist.

"Solid Silver" has some admirable situations, and a good deal of sparkling dialogue. It moves on well, though the real climax of dramatic interest is almost in the middle of the piece. It has some sins against nature and probability, but they are not very heinous. The hero is a little womanish, and the heroine a little mannish, in the love scenes. Indeed, so entirely reversed are the usual positions of lovers, because of the superior advantages of the lady in rank and fortune, that in one touching and tender interview, which takes place in the presence of the hero's mother, you almost expect to hear the modest young man say, "Ask mamma." I am afraid Mr. BARNES is tinctured with those dreadful Woman's Rights ideas. But these unconventional proceedings, though a little startling in real life, give an air of pleasing novelty to a romantic drama, and go down well with the most proper people. The moral tone of this play is quite unexceptionable—the comedy being especially refined, free from *double entendre* and slang. The piece has been handsomely put upon the stage here, and on the whole has been admirably acted by the excellent stock company of the "California," with their star-manager, Mr. MCCULLOUGH. It is, I hear, soon to be produced at Wallack's, for which theatre it is peculiarly adapted.

GRACE GREENWOOD.

NOTES FROM THE PEOPLE.

An Intamous Practice.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The infamous practice of throwing kerosene upon ladies' dresses promises to again become prevalent. Last night, about 11 o'clock, in walking with my wife from Fourteenth-street through Broadway to my home in Twenty-third-street, her dress and cloak and my clothing were entirely ruined by some wretch throwing this liquid on us. Some years ago the Police succeeded in arresting this vicious practice, and a timely warning may prevent others suffering loss and annoyance from the villainous mania.

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NEW-YORK, Friday, Jan. 12, 1872.

The General Order System—What it Means.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I have seen many articles, in various newspapers throughout the country, and have read the testimony before the Senatorial Committee on the subject of "General Order." I am so astonished at the ignorance of the one and the gross misstatement of the other, that I feel compelled to give my testimony in regard to it, and I give you my name for reference.

And to preface: I have no interest in the present possessors of this business, and no particular reason to wish them well, and I am a most pronounced Democrat, and therefore do not write in defense of the Administration. I have been nearly a quarter of a century in the bonded warehouse business, and can therefore give an opinion "as is an opinion."

What is a "General Order store?" It is a store for unclaimed goods. What are these, and how do they come to be unclaimed? A vessel arrives in port, and the law requires her to lie two business days after entering to enable the merchants to claim their goods, either by paying the duties on them, or by giving a bond and having them sent to warehouse. This is fair to the merchant and the ship-owner; but suppose they do not claim them, what then? The ship cannot lie at her berth forever. She must discharge, reload and go to sea. How shall she get rid of her cargo? The ship-owner goes to the Collector and tells him of this, and the Collector gives him a "general order" to discharge everything. But what shall be done with these unpermitted goods? The merchant does not claim them; the ship-owner cannot take them; the Government must keep them as a lien for the duties on them. And so the Collector, who is personally responsible for them, makes some warehouseman his agent and sends them to him. This is the General Order business. It is, and always has been, as much a part of the Collector's patronage as any other appointment in his gift. Under Mr. BUCHANAN it was given to JOHN C. MATHER; under Mr. LINCOLN to HENRY C. BOWEN. Neither had warehouses; both farmed it out to those in the business. Mr. MURPHY or Gen. GRANT has at least given it to those who have warehouses and personally work them. But Mr. STEWART says, "We are not allowed five minutes to enter our goods before they are thrown on the dock." Amen! But, then, how does this work? We will take one line, for example—the Inman. These steamers leave Liverpool on Thursday, and in the pleasant Summer days arrive on the Sunday or Monday but one following. They sail on Saturday. This gives them a week to discharge and reload. But in the stormy Winter weather they do not arrive until Wednesday or Thursday. They must sail on Saturday. They carry the mails, passengers are anxious to go, and it would cause inextricable confusion if they were held over. So it is optional with the Secretary of the Treasury to permit them to discharge all their cargo at once with this proviso—that to every merchant who gets out his permit within the two days, the steam-ship line pays all charges at the General Order store for the first month. Mr. STEWART's clerk says his house pays one-half the General Order charges. I don't believe they pay one-tenth.

And now how does it work? Suppose the steamer lies out the two days. She discharges her goods as they come. In a cargo of a thousand cases there are fifty or seventy consignees. Their carts will be at the pier each for his merchant's goods; the first man will have ten cases, and he will find them scattered on the dock—a hundred on top of them—he must get them all out before the next cartman can get in; the work is interminable, the quarreling continual, time and patience worn out. At the same time the steamer is taking in her outward cargo, and this makes confusion worse confounded.

Look at the other side; the goods are all sent to General Order warehouse; taken there by Government cartmen, they are carefully assorted and tiered, each mark and number visible. The cartmen come for them, and they are at once put on their trucks. No time is lost, nor patience; no ill will accrues. The charge for storage labor, and cartage from ship is paid by the steamer's agent, who is only too glad to do this and get his ship to sea. These people pay most of the General Order charges. Why are they not called to testify?

Then as to the amount charged. During the last ten years the principal part of the General Order has been held by Mr. BIXBY, (the largest,) Mr. SQUIRE, Mr. MYERS, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. MASON, LEET & CO. Mr. BIXBY charged $1 50 for ordinary packages; Mr. SQUIRE, $1 20; Messrs. MYERS, EDWARDS and MASON $1 50; LEET & CO. $1 25. (Mr. MYERS did charge STEWART only $1, but this was the exception; he made it up on the rest.) So instead of LEET & CO. charging double, as Messrs. LINDSAY and STEWART say, they charge much less than has been charged for the last ten years. Packages from Jersey City and Hoboken are charged twenty-five cents more because the cartage is higher.

As to General Order charges being no higher than warehouse charges, this is simple nonsense. Almost all the General Order man's expenses are higher than those at a warehouse. He must have a very large store, and he must keep part of it empty always to be ready for goods that may never come. He must take everything—car-wheels, anchors, carriages, machinery, ship timbers, dead men, (all of these I have known to be in General Order store.) He must pay for two store-keepers instead of one—$1,800 additional. He must keep an army of clerks at high wages. He must keep a private watchman at $2 50 a night, and for his store alone; he must work all night when so required. Sundays and holidays form no exemption to him when a steamer must discharge. His insurance is so high that it drives away all hope of profit from warehouse goods. Many goods remain a year and are then sold by the Government for less than the duties. When the General Order man loses his labor and cartage and a year's storage, the Collector may die or change his mind, and he finds the direction of the unclaimed goods diverted to another warehouse, and he has an empty store on his hands and a heavy rent. This has happened many times and several firms have been well-nigh ruined.

Mr. STEWART says it is an outrage that the Hoboken and Jersey City General Order should be brought to New-York; but the goods for examination are brought to New-York and no one has ever thought of protesting against this, and there is no earthly difference in the status of the two.

But why should they not be? The proprietors of these steam-ship lines and Mr. STEWART are the ones chiefly clamorous about it. These lines make a great deal of money on passengers, freights, mails—must they be allowed a monopoly on storage also? For, remember, no line that has its dock in New-York City has ever been allowed to have a warehouse of their own, although they have often asked for it. These people have gone out of New-York because rents, labor, &c., are cheaper in New-Jersey. They can easily underbid our people, but is it any cheaper to the merchants of New-York? (except the giant Mr. STEWART.) These lines charge $1 per package, and LEET & CO. charge $1 50. But the merchant who sends his cart to Hoboken, pays $2 to his cartman if he only brings a single package. To LEET & CO. he pays 75 cents—a clear saving of 75 cents. The Hoboken ferry-boats only sail every twenty minutes. If the cartman is a moment late he must wait these precious minutes. Fogs and ice often delay him, and it is a long way round from the ferry to the bonded stores over there. A single load will average about two hours, and this in the best part of the day. Mr. STEWART, doing an immense business, and obtaining many facilities which others cannot possess, may find it to his advantage to store in Hoboken and Jersey City, but to smaller merchants and to cartmen it is a most expensive and vexatious inconvenience. Some people are malicious enough to suggest that this commends it to Mr. STEWART. As to the danger of losing a package and such loss falling on the merchant, it is the veriest nonsense. No merchant ever yet was required to father such loss, and no cartman ever refused or thought of refusing to pay. Within a month Mr. CHARLES KAILE has paid $600, gold, for a case lost during the night from his truck, although the truck and case were within the locked gates of the Williams & Guion dock, and were guarded by their private watchman and the Government's night officers. There was very great doubt whether he or the steamer's agents were responsible, but he paid it, without compulsion and without grumbling.

One parting word for Mr. LINDSAY's Cartage Bureau. I have been for thirty-three years practically familiar with the movement of merchandise controlled by the Custom-house in this port, and I say most decidedly that a more silly, a more cruel, and a more unnecessary outrage I never knew perpetrated by this Government upon its citizens. It cut the ham-strings of 10,000 horses, and compelled their owners to stand idly by and see the bread torn from the mouths of their children. They never get rich. (except Mr. STEWART's cartman, but then *he* is so liberal,) but there is no set of men on earth who earn their money by more honest sweat and toil than the merchants' cartmen of New-York. There was not the slightest shadow of a shade of an excuse for it; and on the day the order was signed I told the Collector's private secretary that it would ruin him, and ruin him it did.

He was a noble old man, but, in this, most misguided. A hundred Leets could not have shaken him from his place; but the cry of wronged and ruined men—wronged and ruined for no fault of theirs—had fallen upon ears that dared not disregard it, and the Collector and his satellite were swept away—the one from an office he had in all other ways dignified and adorned, the other into the contempt and oblivion his impudence and folly so well deserved.

MICHIGAN'S GRATITUDE.

Gov. Baldwin's Acknowledgment of the Generosity of the People of the United States.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
DETROIT, Jan. 9, 1872.

To the People of the United States:

Early in October last, fearful and unprecedented fires swept over large and thrifty portions of Michigan, rendering several thousands of our people homeless, and depriving many of their entire earthly possessions. Responsive to the appeal of the Executive and of the State Relief Committees, prompt and liberal donations of money, food and clothing came from citizens of our own State, from almost every section of our common country, from the neighboring province of Ontario, and from beyond the Atlantic. To the rich and the poor alike, we are indebted for the warmest expressions of sympathy, and the most generous material aid. So timely and bountiful has been the relief extended, that no further cause exists for anxiety lest suffering prevail in these sections during the Winter now upon us. The contributions received have been, and are being distributed by the State Committees through local committees and agents in the burned districts with integrity and good judgment. Some time since—at the request of the State Committees—I gave official notice that the clothing then on hand and in transit would be sufficient for the sufferers by fire in this State. Believing that the people of Michigan are unwilling to tax the generosity of the public one moment longer than necessity demands, I now take pleasure in announcing that further contributions of money are unnecessary. In making this announcement to the people of the United States, I deem it my duty to remind the people of Michigan that although all fears of present suffering have been allayed, it may hereafter become necessary to appeal to the more highly favored of our own citizens for further contributions for the sick and the destitute among the sufferers by the late fires. It affords me the greatest pleasure to tender the hearty thanks of the whole people of Michigan to those whose earnest sympathy and liberal aid have so greatly alleviated the suffering of so many of our citizens.

HENRY P. BALDWIN.

The Business of the Life Insurance Companies in 1871.

From the Spectator, an American Review of Insurance.

From returns in course of preparation for the *Spectator Life Chart*, to be issued in February, we compile the following exhibit of the new business in 1871 of those companies whose reports have been handed in up to this writing:

Name of Company.	New Policies Issued in 1871. No.	Amount.	Ave.	Increase (*) or Decrease (†) as Compared with 1870. No.	Amount.
Atlantic Mutual	1,619	$2,616,339	$1,616	1,098	$1,130,805
Berkshire	1,461	2,548,794	1,745	1,302	2,017,851
Commonwealth	1,309	2,315,000	1,767	1,045,400	
Connecticut General	1,251	2,624,806	1,941	1,418,973	
Equitable	16,000	41,700,000	2,606	7,277,000	
Excelsior	1,769	2,769,000	1,565	1,227,000	
Germania	2,956	5,784,319	1,956	1,554	1,227,000
Globe Mutual	2,000	4,000,000	2,000	1,000	1,000,000
Guardian Mutual	2,000	4,000,000	2,000	1,000	1,000,000
Home Mutual	2,000	4,000,000	2,000	1,000	1,000,000
Homœopathic Mutual	914	1,656,000	1,765	1,656,000	
Manhattan	1,544	4,001,489	2,592	1,544	4,001,489
National New York	2,003	3,946,000	1,970	1,003	1,946,000
National United States	2,000	4,000,000	2,000	1,000	1,000,000
New England Mutual	2,000	4,000,000	2,000	1,000	1,000,000
New York Life	2,000	4,000,000	2,000	1,000	1,000,000
Peoples' Mutual	1,000	2,000,000	2,000	1,000	1,000,000
Phœnix Mutual	2,000	4,000,000	2,000	1,000	1,000,000
Providence Life	1,000	2,000,000	2,000	1,000	1,000,000
Security	2,000	4,000,000	2,000	1,000	1,000,000
State Mutual	2,000	4,000,000	2,000	1,000	1,000,000
Travelers' Insurance	2,000	4,000,000	2,000	1,000	1,000,000
Universal	2,000	4,000,000	2,000	1,000	1,000,000
Western New York	2,000	4,000,000	2,000	1,000	1,000,000
Widows' and Orphans'	2,000	4,000,000	2,000	1,000	1,000,000
Benefit	1,000	2,000,000	2,000	1,000	1,000,000
	2,128	3,015,394	1,416	1,954	1,954,440
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*Increase as compared with 1870.
†Decrease as compared with 1870.

The above list is incomplete, of course, but we are glad to present our readers thus early, and in advance of other sources of information, these important figures of many of the companies.

Greeley Republicans General Committee—Mr. Greeley Declines the Office of President—Elections for the Ensuing Year.

A meeting of the Greeley Republican General Committee was held last evening at the corner of Broadway and Twenty-second-street, Mr. THOMAS E. STEWART in the chair.

The Committee on By-laws reported that no change in the constitution of the past year was deemed advisable, and they recommended its re-adoption.

Mr. BENJAMIN A. WILLIS, on the part of the Committee appointed to tender Mr. HORACE GREELEY the Chairmanship of the Committee, reported that he declined the offer, but expressed himself in cordial sympathy with the purposes and principles of the organization. Though not their recognized head, he would, he believed, be their chief in the future as he had been in the past. [Applause.]

The following is Mr. GREELEY'S letter of resignation:

NEW-YORK, Jan. 8, 1872.

DEAR SIR: I accepted the Chairmanship of the Union Republican General Committee for the year 1871 with the single purpose, frankly avowed, to prevent a disruption of the Republican organization in our City, and to restore harmony to its counsels and power to its local organization. That object, earnestly and sedulously pursued, has not been obtained, (I believe through no fault on my part,) and its realization seems now far distant. I am, therefore, hopeless that good would be secured by accepting the post you so kindly tender me, and must, therefore, most respectfully, but peremptorily, decline it, remaining with grateful regard yours, &c.,

HORACE GREELEY.

Hon. F. J. FITHIAN, Chairman Committee, &c.

[Applause.]

The report was received and ordered to be inserted in the minutes.

On motion, it was resolved to proceed with the election of a Chairman.

Mr. FITHIAN proposed, and Mr. RITTERBAND seconded the nomination of Mr. THOMAS E. STEWART.

Messrs. ASPINWALL and TWOMBLY spoke in favor of the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

Mr. STEWART, in accepting the nomination, thanked the members for the honor, &c., and contended that their organization had been recognized by the State Convention and the State Committee as being regular, in that they were admitted to seats in the Convention.

The following elections were also made: WHITELAW REID, First Vice-President; GEORGE W. PALMER, Second Vice-President; IRA O. MILLER, Treasurer, and Messrs. CULVER and COACHMON Secretaries. The meeting then adjourned.

Was the Murderer Botts Married to Mrs. Wilson?

Rev. T. H. LANDON, by whom BOTTS claims to have been married to Mrs. WILSON some years ago, has sent the following note in answer to inquiries from the Newark *Journal:*

"This certifies that GEORGE BOTTS, of Newark, and JULIA JENKINS, of New-York, were united in holy matrimony on the 16th day of December, 1864, at Little Falls, Passaic County, N. J., by me, (being at that time Pastor of the Methodist Church at that place.)

L. H. LANDON."

Mr. LANDON is now pastor of a Church at Montclair. The question now arises whether the GEORGE BOTTS mentioned is this GEORGE BOTTS, and whether JULIA JENKINS and MARY WILSON are one and the same person as claimed by the prisoner.

Mr. BRENTANO, No. 33 Union-square, is in receipt of his weekly installment of English and Continental periodicals. The current numbers of the London *Illustrated News* and *Graphic* are very fine, being full of excellent engravings. *Punch*, *Saturday Review* and *Nature* are also good. The stock of BRENTANO is now quite varied and interesting.

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Yours, J. S. LITTLE, M. D., —
No. 286 West 42d-st.

E. HOLMES, Burglar Alarm Telegraph Office, No. 7 Murray-st.—*Advertisement.*

Dr. Colton.

The Colton Dental Association, No. 19 Cooper Institute, guarantee to extract teeth without one particle of pain. They are now using 300 gallons of gas per day.—*Advertisement.*

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Solicitors of Insurance Wanted for this City and vicinity by the Phœnix Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn. Liberal terms given for new business. Apply at Branch Office, No. 133 Broadway, New-York.

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New 7-octave Pianos, $250.—New Organs, $50 to $60. New Melodeons, $60, cash, for the Holidays. HORACE WATERS, No. 481 Broadway.

MARRIED.

GIHON—CARNEY.—Jan. 8, at St. Thomas' Church, Sioux City, Iowa, by Rev. George B. Pratt, Mr. CHARLES ALEXANDER GIHON, son of John Gihon, Esq., of New-York, to Miss JULIA FLETCHER CARNEY, daughter of Capt. Wm. Carney, of West Dresden, Me.

SOUTHWORTH—MURFEY.—On Thursday, Jan. 11, by Rev. Dr. Wm. Adams, GARDNER T. SOUTHWORTH, of Bellevue, N. Y., and CORNELIA E., daughter of George S. Murfey, Esq., of this City. No cards.

VREELAND—TAYLOR.—On Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1872, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. E. W. FRENCH, JOHN V. B. VREELAND to MARY A., daughter of Jas. H. Taylor, all of Bergen Heights, Jersey City, N. J. No cards.

WARNER—HERRICK.—On Thursday evening, Jan. 11, by Rev. Dr. Ormiston, WILLIAM STRONG WARNER to NETTIE L. HERRICK, daughter of the late Wm. T. Herrick, all of this City.

WILLETS—PRENTICE.—In Brooklyn, on Thursday, Jan. 11, 1872, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. Dr. Van Dyke, JOSEPH C. WILLETS to EMMA C. PRENTICE, daughter of John H. Prentice.

DIED.

BARLOW.—Suddenly on the 9th inst., at Walaka, Fla., JOHN BARLOW, of Sing Sing, N. Y.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

BARTOW.—In this City, on the morning of Jan. 11, CHARLES BARTOW, in the 56th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from the residence of his brother-in-law, Wm. M. Martin, No. 70 West 34th-st., on Saturday, the 13th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M. The remains will be taken to Newtown, Long Island, for interment.

COLEMAN.—On the morning of the 12th inst., at Albany, MARY, wife of John Coleman, of that place, and mother of James H. Coleman, of this City.

The funeral will take place on Monday, Jan. 15, from St. Joseph's Church, Albany, where a requiem mass will be celebrated at 9½ A. M.

CONROY.—At San Rafael, Cal., on 9th inst., JAMES C. CONROY, formerly of the firm of Conroy & O'Connor, San Francisco.

His remains will be brought here for interment, when due notice of the funeral will be given.

HAMILTON.—On Thursday, 11th inst., ROBERT HAMILTON, aged 69 years.

His friends and those of his brothers-in-law, George and William Kellock and David M. Carl, are requested to attend his funeral on Saturday, 13th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M., from his late residence, No. 17 Lafayette-place.

MOSHER.—On Thursday, Jan. 11, 1872, of pneumonia, HOLDER MOSHER, in the 71st year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services, which will be held at his late residence, No. 84 Columbia-st., on Sunday, Jan. 14, at 2½ P. M.

MASON.—At

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

At the Exchange, yesterday, Jan. 12, the only transaction in City real estate effected was made by E. H. LUDLOW & CO., who, by order of the Supreme Court, in foreclosure, under the direction of R. R. ROBINSON, Esq., referee, disposed of the four-story brown-stone high-stoop house and lot (20 by 55 by 92) located on the north side of West Sixteenth-street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, and known as No. 51. The property was purchased by JOHN D. OTTIWELL, for $17,700. These same premises were sold at the Exchange, on Friday of last week, and knocked down to S. W. BARNARD, for $21,500, but the buyer having failed to comply with the terms of sale, a resale was therefore rendered necessary, which resulted as noted. In addition to the above, A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. offered at public auction a Brooklyn property embracing six brick houses and lots, situate on the south side of Division-avenue, between Third-street and Wythe-avenue, known as Nos. 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, and 62 Division-street. Of the houses offered two were certainly sold as follows: No. 62, two-story and basement brick house, 20 by 28, and lot, 20 by about 40, sold to EUGENE BARLING for $4,000, and No. 60, similar house, with lot 20 by about 45, sold to T. D. LANE for $4,025. The remaining houses and lots were also bid off at fair prices, and may have been sold, but the auctioneers were in doubt regarding them. They were knocked down at the following figures to Mr. BARNES and Mr. BOSHER respectively: No. 58 Division-avenue, three-story brick and basement house, 19.6 by 34, with lot, 19.6 by about 50, $5,850; No. 56, adjoining, similar house, with lot, 19.9 by abou 50, $5,900; No. 54, two-story and basement brick house adjoining, 19.10x34, with lot 19.10 by about 60, $4,900, and No. 52, similar house adjoining, with lot 20.5 by about 65, $5,250. No further business was transacted. Today, at the Exchange, the legal sale by JAMES M. MILLER, of four houses and lots on 46th-st., near 6th-av., adjourned from Saturday of last week, is announced to occur.

Messrs. V. K. STEVENSON & SON, No. 11 Pine street report having recently sold at private sale for Mr. A. H. RATHBONE a lot on the east side of Fifth-avenue, 60 feet north of Forty-seventh street, in size 32 by 100 for $80,000. WILLIAM H. RAYNOR, No. 5½ Pine-street, also reports having recently disposed of the following property at the prices noted: two lots on the south side of Sixty-sixth-street, 50 feet east of Madison-avenue, each 25 by 100, sold for $36,000; one lot 25 by 100 on the north side of One hundred and Sixth-street, 275 feet west of Second-avenue, sold for $2,300, and one lot, same size, on the south side of One Hundred and Thirteenth-street, 125 feet west of Second-avenue, sold for $2,500. Messrs. ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & CO., it is said, have recently purchased two lots on the north-east corner of Eighty-third-street and Fifth-avenue for $95,000, paying $55,000 for the corner lot and $40,000 for the one adjoining. The following recent private sales of City lots are also reported: Two lots on the north side of Sixty-second-street, seventy feet west of Madison-avenue, 50 by 100, sold for $39,000; three lots on the south side of Sixty-third-street, seventy feet west of Madison-avenue, 75 by 100.5, sold to GRIFFITH ROWE for $60,000. At Flushing, Long Island, Messrs. PARSONS & CO. have sold to Mrs. RUFUS LEAVITT the plot of land on south-east corner of Broadway and Parson-avenue (200 feet square) for $10,000.

For next week the public auctions projected are many of them worthy the attention of investors, as will be seen by reference to the usual list published on Monday.

Exchange Sales, Friday, Jan. 12.

NEW-YORK.

By E. H. Ludlow & Co.

4-story h. s. b. s. h. and l. No. 51 West 16th-st., n. s., 115 ft. e. 6th-av.; 20x55x92 ..... $17,750

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By A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co.

3-story and basement bk. h. and l., No. 62 Division-av., s. s., 119.2 ft. w. 3d-st., house 20.2x28.6, lot 20.1xabout 40 ..... $4,000

2-story and basement bk. h. and l. No. 60 Division-av., adjoining above, house 20.1x28.6, lot 20.1x about 45 4,025

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FRANCIS TOMES,

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NO. 104 BROADWAY, ONE DOOR FROM PINE-ST.,

Will act as buying agent at auction sales. Appraisements carefully made.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1872.

OFFICE OF

BIKER, HESSE & CO., 64 W. 33d-St.,

OFFER THE FOLLOWING HOUSES:

3 story, 20 ft. front, West 21st-st., $16,000.
3 story, 18 ft. front, 22d-st., $17,500.
4 story, 25 ft. front, 27th-st., $45,000.
4 story, 20 ft. front, fully furnished, 28th-st., $42,500.
4 story, 30th-st., bet. 5th & 6th avs., in perfect order.
4 story, 20 ft. front, 46th-st., bet. 5th & 6th avs., $35,000.
4 story, 21 ft. front, (college lease,) $30,000.
One in 49th-st., 22 ft. front, $25,000.

FOR SALE—TENEMENT PROPERTY, ON West 32d-st.; the new market now being completed, together with the contemplated grand freight depot, makes this a desirable investment; ground 50 by 100, with front and rear buildings; will be sold on easy terms.

DYE & CURTISS,

NO. 308 6TH-AV.

OPPOSITE STUYVESANT-SQUARE, ON 16TH-ST.—For sale a first-class four-story high-stoop brown-stone house, 26x70x103, replete with all the latest improvements. Will be sold cheap on account of the early departure of the owner for Europe. Apply to ISAAC HONIG, No. 25 Pine-st.

A—NEAR BROADWAY JUNCTION with 7th-av., 42d-st.—Very desirable four-story high stoop, modern frescoed complete brown-stone dwelling, 20.6x55, lot 105 feet; price and terms reasonable; possession. V. K. STEVENSON & SON, No. 11 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—ON MADISON-AV., BELOW 94th-st., a first-class four-story brown-stone front house, of full width and extra depth; price $50,000. MULLER, WILKINS & CO., No. 7 Pine-st., or No. 33 East 17th-st., (Union-square.)

FIFTH-AV., NEAR 46TH-ST.—SPLENDID four-story, high-stoop, brown-stone house, with mirrors and magnificent chandeliers, for sale at a very reasonable price and on easy terms. Apply to ISAAC HONIG, No. 25 Pine-st.

A SUPERIOR BUILT FOUR-STORY high-stoop brown-stone house, 25x60x153, on 34th-st., between 6th and 7th avs., will be sold for less than its value if applied for at once.

ISAAC HONIG, No. 25 Pine-st.

EXCHANGE—VERY DESIRABLE IMproved property in 23d-st., between Park and 4th avs., well rented, for unimproved City lots. FRANK G. & DAVISON BROWN, No. 100 Broadway.

FOR SALE—5TH AV., ABOVE 42D-ST., A brown stone, full front, frescoed, and handsomely furnished; terms easy. For full particulars inquire of THOMAS C. PINCKNEY, No. 78 Nassau-st., N. Y.

TO CAPITALISTS.—FOUR FULL LOTS, south side of 58th-st., between 5th and Madison avs., for sale at a decided bargain. Terms easy. JOHN S. PIERCE, 106 Broadway, corner of Pine-st.

FOR SALE OR TO LEASE—THE splendid iron-front store, No. 83 Beekman-st., 30x107, between Cliff and Gold sts. Apply to HUGH N. CAMP, No. 106 Broadway.

FOR SALE OR TO LET—ON 5TH-AV., vicinity of 49th-st., elegant full-width four-story high-stoop brown-stone house. Permits of A. JOURNEAY, No. 1 Pine-st.

A FREE REGISTER CONTAINING a particular list of 2,000 houses and building lots for sale and to let, with City map, &c., &c. Apply to V. K. STEVENSON & SON, No. 11 Pine-st.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—FIRST-class brown-stone front 47th-st.; another best location "on the hill," Brooklyn. Call or address JOHN BIRD, 1,160 Fulton-st., New-York.

TO EXCHANGE FOR DESIRABLE City lots, improved property on Spring-st., well located. Apply to A. JOURNEAY, No. 1 Pine-st.

IRVING PLACE, NEAR 18TH-ST., A SUperior four-story house, 26x70x100 feet; for sale reasonably. F. G. & D. BROWN, No. 100 Broadway.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

BUILDERS AND CAPITALISTS—A good investment.—The finest block of lots on Fulton-av., Brooklyn, 700x200, to exchange for improved City property, or will sell on very easy terms. Price $150,000. SPAFARD & CLAPP, No. 196 Remsen-st., Brooklyn.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE FOR A small house, first-class location, in Brooklyn, a beautiful house, with all the modern improvements, at Mount Vernon, the most beautiful place in Westchester County; also, for sale on easy terms a small house and four lots, $4,000; also, a beautiful house and stable and two acres; price, $10,000; terms very easy; also, twelve acres, near the centre of the village, will make about fifty village lots; worth $1,000 each; price, $10,000. For full particulars, apply to

BIKER, HESSE & CO.,

NO. 64 WEST 33D-ST.

FOR SALE AT ORANGE, N. J.—A BRAND-some place at a low price, on Centre-st., (gravelled and macadamized,) either five or seven acres, finely improved; large complete residence, thoroughly built, modern conveniences, stables, laundry, green-house, complete orner, fence, lawn, garden, forest, ornamental trees; never-ceasing, unsurpassed water supply; title satisfactory. Apply to EDWARD OLIVER, No. 187 Pearl-st., or HAMILTON & WALLIS, No. 9 Nassau-st.

EAST VIRGINIA FARM—ONE THOUsand acres, convenient to Richmond, Norfolk and Baltimore; location and conditions probably unequalled; price, under circumstances, extremely low; principal only. MANN & CO.,

No. 71 Broadway, Room No. 55.

EXCHANGE.—A FIRST-CLASS RESIdence, with ten acres, in Port Chester, for good City improved property; equity, $20,000; none need be in Brooklyn. FRANK G. & DAVISON BROWN, No. 100 Broadway.

ORANGE, N. J.—COUNTRY HOUSES, and building lots for sale; also, to let. Also, furnished and unfurnished houses to let for season or year, by BLACKWELL & SMITH, 20 Broadway, 9 to 11; or Orange, corner Main and Cone-sts.

IRON ORE MINE FOR SALE IN MORRIS County, N. J., near Dover, in active operation; also several very valuable iron mines in Virginia. LINDLEY & CO., No. 26 Nassau-st.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

TO LET—FOR ONE OR THREE YEARS, AT Orange, N. J., one of the most charming places out of New-York; house fourteen rooms; modern improvements; fine stable and three acres ground in excellent order; immediate possession. Apply to A. JOURNEAY, No. 1 Pine-st.

TO LET—FROM THE FIRST OF MAY next, on the banks of the Hudson, 106th-st., Bloomingdale, a dwelling-house, with barn and stable, and plenty of land for a garden; a pleasant suburban residence near the grand Boulevard. Apply at No. 5 Beekman-st., Room No. 7, first floor.

TO LET—AT FORT HAMILTON, LONG Island, near 3d-av. horse-cars, and within forty minutes of Wall-st. Ferry, per Bay Ridge Ferry-boat, a neat Anglo-Italian villa, with stabling, coach-house and garden, on elevated ground; rent low. Apply to E. ARMSTRONG, No. 86 Leonard-st., New-York.

TO LET—WEST 42D-ST., NEAR 9TH-AV., full-width four-story high-stoop brown-stone house. Permits of A. JOURNEAY, No. 1 Pine-st.

STORES, &C., TO LET.

OFFICES TO LET IN TIMES BUILDING,

SPLENDID OFFICES TO LET IN THE FIRE-PROOF TIMES BUILDING.

Apply at TIMES COUNTING-ROOM.

LARGE OFFICES TO RENT.

The entire suite, at present occupied by the New-Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, and the Camden and Amboy Company, at No. 111 Liberty-st., from the 1st of May next, on favorable terms. Apply to S. T. RICHARDS, No. 75 William-st.

TO LET—FOR A TERM OF YEARS, A farm of 460 acres of choice land, with ample wood land, at Lloyd's Neck, in Oyster Bay, twenty-four miles east of New-York; it has two water fronts, and is suitable for vegetables or for a stock farm; rent, $1,200. Apply to Dr. R. H. DERBY, No. 111 East 25th-st., New-York, or to Mr. BOYD, at the premises.

TO LEASE—FOR A TERM OF YEARS, THE house and lot No. 734 Broadway; lot about 25x135 feet; very desirably situated for business purposes. For particulars apply to HORACE S. ELY, No. 22 Pine-st.

WIDE CORNER STORE TO LET.—A first-class fifty-feet corner store near Canal-st. to let. The store has all modern improvements, and is in first-rate order. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

BROADWAY STORES TO LEASE OR Let; also, lofts and rooms for business purposes, Nos. 636 and 638 Broadway. Apply to CALVIN WITTY, on the premises.

TO LET OR LEASE—STORES ON BROADway; also, stores on 4th-av. Apply to ROBERT GOELET, No. 857 Broadway.

FINE LOFTS, 50x100, WITH STEAM POWer, to let, together or separate; good light. Apply at Nos. 35 and 37 Wooster-st.

HOUSES & ROOMS WANTED.

YONKERS.—WANTED TO RENT, WITH privilege of purchase, by a gentleman of small family, a pleasantly-situated, well-built house, fully furnished, containing all the modern improvements, in or near the village of Yonkers; also, carriage-house attached. Address, with full particulars, Box No. 167 Irvington, Westchester County, N. Y.

HOUSE.—WANTED TO PURCHASE A first-class house not less than forty feet front, located near 34th-st. and Madison-av., with stable. Answer with name, location, size, price, &c., MONEY, Box No. 1,780 Post-office.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

HUGH N. CAMP, Auctioneer.

M. A. J. LYNCH & HUGH N. CAMP,

No. 106 Broadway, will sell at auction on MONDAY, Jan. 15, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway: THE VALUABLE FRONT on east side of MADISON-AV., between 62d and 63d sts., having a frontage on the avenue of 200.10 feet by 25 feet on each street.

ALSO,

SEVEN VALUABLE HARLEM LOTS,

Five on the north side of 136th-st., 275 feet west of 6th-av., and two on the south side, 225 feet east of 7th-av., size 25x99.11 feet each.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17,

THE BALANCE OF THE NINETY VALUABLE PROSPECT PARK LOTS, LOCATED ON WASHINGTON AND FRANKLIN AVS., MONTGOMERY AND CROWN STS., BROOKLYN.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE PROPERTY ON BROADWAY, OPPOSITE WASHINGTON PLACE.

STORE PROPERTY ON DEY AND CORTLANDT STS. AND LOTS ON 115TH-ST.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO., will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, Jan. 16, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, 111 Broadway:

BROADWAY.—The lot of land, with the three-story marble-front house thereon, situate on the easterly side of Broadway, between 4th-st. and Astor-place, opposite Washington-place, and known as No. 714 Broadway.

CORTLANDT AND DEY STREETS.—The first-class five-story brown-stone front store and lot, situate on the north side of Cortlandt-st., between Broadway and Church-st., extending through to and fronting on Dey-st., and known as No. 18 Cortlandt-st. and No. 19 Dey-st.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH-STREET.—Five lots, south side, 270 ft. west of 3d av.

Maps at the office of the auctioneers, No. 7 Pine-st.

RICHARD J. GARRETTSON, Auctioneer.

BY WINANS, SANDS & GARRETT-SON, Auctioneers, No. 55 Liberty-st. Sale peremptory. Will be sold at auction on THURSDAY, Jan. 18, 1872, 12 o'clock, noon, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway: The fine, brown-stone, English-basement house, No. 42 West 37th-st., between 5th and 6th avs., four stories front, five in rear, 20x60, lot 98.9; complete with all modern improvements; perfect order; permits to examine and terms. Apply to the Auctioneers, No. 55 Liberty-st.

HUGH N. CAMP, Auctioneer.

M. A. LYNCH AND HUGH N. CAMP,

No. 106 Broadway, will sell the balance of the ninety valuable

PROSPECT PARK LOTS,

ON WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17, 1872,

At 12 o'clock, at the

Exchange Salesroom,

No. 111 Broadway.

FINANCIAL.

MILLS, ROBESON & SMITH,

BANKERS, NO. 2 EXCHANGE COURT, NEW YORK,

Execute orders for STOCKS, BONDS and GOLD, receive MONEY ON DEPOSIT at Current Rates, and Transact a GENERAL BANKING and BROKERAGE BUSINESS.

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Issued for use in Europe, China, and Japan, the East and West Indies, and South America. Also, Circular Letters of Credit for Travelers, available in all parts of the world.

Demand and Time Bills of Exchange, payable in London and elsewhere, bought and sold at current rates; also, Cable Transfers. Demand Drafts on Scotland and Ireland, also on Canada, British Columbia, and San Francisco. Bills collected, and other Banking business transacted.

JOHN PATON,
ARCH. MCKINLEY, } Agents.

OFFICE OF THE STAR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 161 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 10, 1872.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this Company, held Jan. 8, 1872, the following gentlemen were elected:

LEVI APGAR,
C. H. APPLEGATE,
JAY L. ADAMS,
PETER B. ANDERSON,
EBENEZER BEADLESTON,
J. S. BARRON,
ALEX. BONNELLI,
MARTIN Y. BUNN,
ABIJAH CURTIS,
CHARLES DENISON,
JOHN R. FLANAGAN,
JAMES FLANAGAN,
DANIEL FOSTER,
ALLAN HAY,
JOHN H. HOLDANE,
ZACHARIA JAQUES,
T. C. KIMBALL,
D. S. MOSES,
NICHOLAS C. MILLER,
WM. W. OWENS,
JOHN F. PUPKE,
EDGAR PINCHOT,
FRANCIS A. RAY,
O. W. F. RANDOLPH,
CHAS. B. RICHARD,
CHAS. SPEAR,
E. T. TIFFANY,
W. THURBER,
JOHN C. TUCKER,
JAS. WALLACE,
H. CORNELL WHITE.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, held this day, NICHOLAS C. MILLER was unanimously re-elected President, and JOHN R. FLANAGAN Vice-President. JAMES M. HODGES, Secretary.

THE GERMAN-AMERICAN BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 9, 1872.

AT AN ELECTION HELD ON THURS-day, 4th inst., the following-named gentlemen were elected Directors of this Bank for the ensuing year, viz.:

CHARLES T. BOWEN, F. MEISSNER,
ALEX. ENGLER, EMIL WAGNER,
MARCELLUS HARTLEY, FRANCIS MORAN,
JOSHUA SENDRICKS, EDWARD PRIERS,
GERHARD KANSEN, DAVID SALOMON,
HERMAN C. OSTRUM, GEO. SCHNEIDER,
ALEX. RANGENBERG, JOSEPH SELIGMAN,
LEO LEHMANN, JONAS SONNEBORN,
FREDERICK M. MAAS, WEDEKIND & VILMAR.

And at a meeting of the Board this day, EMIL BAYER was unanimously re-elected President, and DAVID SALOMON was unanimously elected Vice-President. O. H. SCHREINER, Cashier.

IRVING NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 9, 1872.

AT AN ELECTION HELD THIS DAY, the following-named gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year:

JOHN HARPER,
WILLIAM H. WEBB,
JOHN ROMER,
VANDERBILT L. BURTON,
ISAAC OELRICHS,
JOHN JOHNSON,
CHARLES BURCHALTER,
JOHN H. WILSON,
HAVEN B. FARRINGTON,
JAMES MORRIS,
JAMES MORRIS, Jr.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 10th instant, JOHN HARPER, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President.

A. A. ZABRISKIE, Jr., Cashier.

FINANCIAL.

Montclair Railway

OF

NEW-JERSEY,

(NOW NEARLY COMPLETED,)

7 PER CENT

FIRST MORTGAGE

GOLD BONDS,

INDORSED BY THE N. Y. & O. MIDLAND CO.,

MAY BE HAD BY APPLICATION TO

LEONARD, SHELDON & FOSTER,

NO. 10 WALL-ST.,

AND THE

MONTCLAIR RAILWAY CO.,

NO. 25 NASSAU-ST.

FIRST-CLASS

CITY AND COUNTY BONDS,

PAYING FROM

10 TO 13 PER CENT.,

FREE OF ALL TAXES.

INTEREST (COUPONS PROMPTLY PAID SEMI-ANNUALLY IN NEW-YORK.

CHOICE SECURITIES OF UNDOUBTED CHARACTER BELOW PAR.

CASH VALUATION OF PROPERTY $39,458,601
WHOLE INDEBTEDNESS, (LIMITED,) ONLY 1,079,000

ALSO, AN EXTENSIVE VARIETY OF FIRST MORTGAGE 7 AND 8 PER CENT. RAILROAD BONDS, INSURANCE, BANK, GASLIGHT, AND CITY RAILROAD STOCKS, INCLUDING OTHER SECURITIES PAYING FROM 10 TO 20 PER CENT., FOR SAFE AND PROFITABLE INVESTMENTS AT LOW RATES. FOR SALE BY

ALBERT H. NICOLAY,

BANKER, STOCK-BROKER AND AUCTIONEER,

NO. 43 PINE-ST.

N. B.—FIRST-CLASS INVESTMENT SECURITIES, PAYING LARGE RATES OF INTEREST, A SPECIALTY WITH THIS HOUSE FOR MANY YEARS.

GEORGE OPDYKE & CO.,

BANKERS, NO 25 NASSAU-ST.,

offer for sale the following desirable securities:

New-York and Oswego Midland Railroad First Mortgage 7 per cent. Gold Bonds at par and interest.

New-Jersey Midland Railroad First Mortgage 7 per cent. Gold Bonds, (guaranteed by the New-York and Oswego Midland Railroad,) at 95 and interest.

The Syracuse and Chenango Valley Railroad First Mortgage 7 per cent. Gold Bonds, at 95 and interest.

St. Louis and South-eastern Railway First Mortgage 7 per cent. Gold Bonds, at 95 and interest.

Montgomery and Eufaula Railroad First Mortgage 8 per cent. Gold Bonds, indorsed by the State of Alabama, at 95 and interest.

Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska Railway First Mortgage 7 per cent. Gold Bonds, at 90 and interest.

Hamilton County, Illinois, 7 per cent. Bonds, at 82½ and interest.

Jefferson, Texas, 10 per cent. Bonds, (issued for municipal purposes,) at 92½ and interest.

Also agents for the sale of the FIRST MORTGAGE SINKING FUND 6 PER CENT. GOLD BONDS of the Vermont Division of the Portland and Ogdensburg Trunk Railroad line; a favorite New-England security.

BANKING HOUSE OF Geo. Opdyke & Co

25 NASSAU ST CORNER of CEDAR ST.

FOUR PER CENT. interest allowed on current accounts, subject to check at sight.

PRIVATE MOVEMENTS for trust and other funds always on hand.

INVESTMENT ORDERS promptly executed for Governments, Gold, Bonds and other Securities.

COLLECTIONS WANTED on CHICAGO, KEOKUK, DES MOINES, IOWA CITY, ST. JOSEPH, and other points in the Western States.

John J. Cisco & Son,

BANKERS,

No. 59 Wall-st., New-York.

RECEIVE DEPOSITS subject to check at sight, on which INTEREST is allowed at the rate of FOUR PER CENT. per annum.

Checks drawn on us are received on deposit by all the City banks.

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT issued, payable on demand.

GOVERNMENTS, GOLD, STOCKS and BONDS bought and sold on commission.

RENSSELAER AND SARATOGA RAILROAD SECURITIES.

Parties owning or holding Bonds of the RENSSELAER AND SARATOGA RAILROAD COMPANY, the SARATOGA AND WHITEHALL RAILROAD, the TROY, SALEM AND FORT EDWARD RAILROAD COMPANY, or the BUTLAND RAILROAD COMPANY, or the GLEN'S FALLS RAILROAD COMPANY, are requested to advise the undersigned at Troy, N. Y., of the number and kind of the bonds so held, in order that a circular of importance to the holders may be addressed to them. GEO. H. CRAMER, President.

TROY, Dec. 26, 1871.

COUNTY, CITY AND TOWN

ILLINOIS REGISTERED BONDS.

Interest, coupons and principal paid by the State Treasurer in the City of New-York.

One of the most desirable investment securities in the market.

AUG. T. POST, No. 5 Dey-st.

OFFICES OF THE NEW CENTRAL COAL COMPANY OF MARYLAND, Nos. 6 and 8½ Trinity Building, NEW-YORK, Jan. 6, 1872.

AT A MEETING OF THE STOCK-HOLDERS of the NEW CENTRAL COAL COMPANY OF MARYLAND, held on the 21st ultimo, the following gentlemen were duly elected Directors for the ensuing year:

HARRY CONRAD, SAMUEL F. BARGER,
CHARLES LANTHONY, P. C. CALHOUN,
JAMES H. HOYT, ELLIOTT F. SHEPARD,
HENRY R. SCHRADER, CHESTER W. CHAPIN,
DAVID T. HUTCHKISS, HENRY L. DYER,
ALEXANDER SHAW.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors, HARRY CONRAD, Esq., was elected President; ALEXANDER SHAW, Esq., Vice-President; and P. C. CALHOUN, Esq., Treasurer.

WM. S. JACQUES, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HARTFORD AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY, HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 1, 1872.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Hartford and New-Haven Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company in Hartford on WEDNESDAY, the 17th of January, 1872, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the following purposes, viz.: First, to elect a Board of Directors for the ensuing year; second, to consider and act upon the subject of the acceptance of the provisions and benefits of an act of the General Assembly entitled an "Act in addition to an act concerning communities and corporations," approved July 26, 1871, and of any amendments of the charter of this Company not heretofore accepted by the stockholders; third, to transact any other business proper to be done at said meeting. S. P. CONNELL, Secretary.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Jan. 10, 1872.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION HELD ON Jan. 8, the following named gentlemen were elected Directors of this Bank for the ensuing year:

WM. A. THOMSON, JOHN G. DAVIES,
DUDLEY S. GREGORY, ROBT. SEAMAN,
J. HENRY ROYT, HENRY K. BOGERT,
PIERRE C. TOMPKINS, ROBERT DAVIES,
BENJ. C. ROOSEVELT, JESSE W. BOWERS,
ROBERT L. STUART, CHARLES A. BRICK,
PHILIP TILLINGHAST, ROBERT MUTTER.

At a meeting of the Board, held on Wednesday, 10th inst., WM. A. THOMSON was unanimously re-elected President and JOHN G. DAVIES Vice-President. A. G. APGAR, Cashier.

UNION TRUST COMPANY OF NEW-YORK, No. 73 BROADWAY, CORNER OF RECTOR-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 10, 1872.

AN ELECTION FOR TEN TRUS-TEES of the Union Trust Company of New-York, of the first class, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 73 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 16, 1872, between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock P. M.

T. CARLTON, Secretary.

DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 3 EXCHANGE PLACE, NEW-YORK, Jan. 9, 1872.

TRANSFER-BOOKS OF THIS COMPANY will be closed on the 15th instant, and reopened on the 2d of January, and after which date a cash Dividend of Five per Cent. will be payable.

A. J. ODELL, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE BROADWAY INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 156 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 10, 1872.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DI-RECTORS of this Company will be held at the office of the Company, on TUESDAY, the 16th day of January, 1872, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M.

JOHN T. HILL, Secretary.

FINANCIAL.

$140,000,000

U. S. 5-20 BONDS

Have been called in, and are now being paid.

Our Government is rapidly retiring the National debt by purchase and redemption, thereby assuring us that all the 5-20s will soon be taken up by purchase or in exchange for Bonds at Four and Five per Cent. interest.

Investors are looking for safe and reliable securities returning a good income to take their place.

Many holders are converting them through us into the

PEORIA & ROCK ISLAND

First Mortgage

7 Per Cent. Gold Bonds,

thereby adding 20 to 25 PER CENT. TO THEIR CAPITAL, and about 45 PER CENT. to their YEARLY INCOME.

We commend these bonds strongly, for the following reasons:

The Road, ninety-one miles in length, is already **COMPLETED**, and *earning much more than the interest on the whole issue of bonds.*

The mortgage, **$1,500,000**, is less than **$16,500** per mile.

The road passes through a rich, populous, agricultural, manufacturing, and coal district.

It connects Peoria and Rock Island, two of the largest and most flourishing cities in Illinois, and forms part of a trunk-line from Indianapolis to St. Paul—378 miles. It also connects two navigable rivers—the Illinois and Mississippi. The bonds are authorised for the extra equipments and necessary buildings required to do the business now offered.

They are coupon bonds, **$1,000** each, and can be registered if desired.

Interest, seven per cent., gold, free of tax, payable February and August.

Price, **90** and interest, in currency.

Maps and full particulars furnished by

TURNER BROTHERS,

No. 14 Nassau-St., New-York.

Midland Railroad

FIRST MORTGAGE

7 Per Cent. Gold Bonds,

LIMITED TO $20,000 PER MILE ON FINISHED ROAD.

The rapid progress toward completion of this great *Trunk Line* from New-York to the West and to Canada, enables us to offer to investors at **PAR AND INTEREST** a further limited issue of these favorite securities.

Upward of 340 miles of this road, including the New-Jersey section, are already finished, equipped, and in operation; and contracts with responsible parties have been made for its entire completion by the first day of July next. When this shall have been accomplished its earnings cannot fail to be large and highly remunerative, as it has advantages at least equal to those of any of its competitors for both local and through business. It is building for cash, *of which nearly $6,000,000 have been furnished by subscription to its stock at* PAR. The work is substantial, and, including equipment, has not exceeded in cost $50,000 per mile, which is *less than one-third* of the amount at which some of the trunk lines of roads leading from New-York are capitalised, and on which they are paying good dividends.

In view of these facts, the Midland First Mortgage Bonds must be regarded as a first-class security—quite as safe as Governments; and, by making the exchange at the present difference in price, *holders of Midland Bonds will receive 33 per cent. more of revenue upon the amount invested than the holders of Government Bonds.*

For sale or exchange for Governments at their market price, by

GEORGE OPDYKE & CO.,

No. 25 Nassau-st.

ALL TAXES PAID.

The Connecticut Valley Railroad

First Mortgage Bonds,

FREE OF ALL TAXES in Connecticut; free of income tax everywhere. Interest payable January and July, in New-York. Road running; stock paid up larger than mortgage; road already employed to its utmost capacity.

We think very highly of these bonds, and recommend them to all classes of investors.

For sale, at a moderate discount, by

ALLEN, STEPHENS & CO.,

BANKERS, NO 12 PINE-ST., N. Y.

Send all letters to Post-office Box No. 5,067.

ELECTRO MOTOR COMPANY.

NOTICE.—A meeting of stockholders will be held at the Company's office, No. 40 Broadway, MONDAY, the 5d of February, prox., at 2 P. M., to vote on the increase of the capital stock to 50,000 shares, $20 each.

E. B. CLEGHORN,
B. W. TUCKER,
S. M. SMITH,
S. WRIGHT, } Trustees.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1872.

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NATIONAL BROADWAY BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 9, 1872.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this Bank this day held, the following named gentlemen were duly elected for the ensuing year, viz.:

FRANCIS A. PALMER, JOSEPH RUDD,
JOHN S. HARRIS, WILLIAM A. HALL,
HELM US M. WELLS, HENRY L. HOGUET,
FRANCIS P. SCHOALS, WARREN HARRIOT,
GEORGE W. PLATT, JONA W. ALLEN,
JOHN R. LAWRENCE, NAHUM SULLIVAN,
GEORGE W. PETERS, LAMBERT C. MOORE,
FRANCIS P. FURNALD, ANDREW MILLS,
CHAS. BURKHALTER.

And Samuel C. Harriott, Hudson Hoagland, and John W. Masury were elected inspectors of the next ensuing election.

At a meeting of the Board subsequently held FRANCIS A. PALMER, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President. J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.

THE CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 10, 1872.

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF the Stockholders of this Bank, held at the Banking-rooms on the 9th inst., the following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year:

WM. A. WHEELOCK, CHARLES G. LANDON,
HENRY A. SMYTHE, SIMON BERNHEIMER,
FRANCIS SKIDDY, NATHAN A. BALDWIN,
HORACE B. CLAFLIN, ROBERT H. BERDELL,
WILLIAM D. BISHOP.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, Mr. WILLIAM A. WHEELOCK was unanimously elected President, and Mr. FRANCIS SKIDDY was unanimously re-elected Vice-President.

C. F. COLES, Cashier.

THE NINTH NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1872.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION HELD Jan. 9, the following-named gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year:

C. VANDERHORST,
THOMAS A. VYSE, Jr.,
BARNET L. SOLOMON,
JAMES DALTON,
JOHN C. FARRELL,
CLEMENT T. PARSONS,
GARDNER COLBY,
ADOLPH POPPENHUSEN,
JOHN T. HILL.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board Mr. THOMAS A. VYSE, Jr., was unanimously re-elected President. JOHN T. HILL, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE EAGLE FIRE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 10, 1872.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this Company, held on 9th inst., the following gentlemen were elected:

James G. Dobb, Philip M. Lydig,
John G. Heard, Thomas Sampson,
William F. Lespinwall, William H. Guion,
Robert Lenox Kennedy, Theodore A. Havemeyer,
Samuel Upjohn, Theodore Roosevelt,
Samuel Upjohn, William B. Astor,
Samuel Upjohn, Henry Ward.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, SAMUEL UPJOHN was unanimously re-elected President.

A. J. CLINTON, Secretary.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, WASHINGTON, Dec. 1, 1871.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL persons interested that the following-named National Bank of the City of New-York has gone into voluntary liquidation, and that they are called upon to present their notes and to make proof their claims at the office of said bank, in the City of New-York, on the 26th day of December, 1871, at the office of said bank, in the City of New-York:

THE NEW-YORK NATIONAL EXCHANGE BANK.

HENRY WALTER,
Comptroller of the Currency.

DIVIDENDS.

FORTIETH DIVIDEND.

CLINTON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Office, No. 156 Broadway.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY DECLARED A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF TEN PER CENT., PAYABLE ON DEMAND.

JOHN BARRY, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1872.

KNICKERBOCKER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW-YORK,

ESTABLISHED 1787.

OFFICE, NO. 64 WALL-ST.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 8, 1872.

The Board of Directors have this day declared the USUAL SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT. ALSO, AN EXT

SHIPPING.

CUNARD LINE.
THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAM-SHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.
FROM NEW-YORK.

ALGERIA.....Wednesday, Jan. 10, '72
RUSSIA.....Wednesday, Jan. 17, '72
JAVA.....Wednesday, Jan. 24, '72
CALABRIA.....Wednesday, Jan. 31, '72
ABYSSINIA.....Wednesday, Feb. 7, '72
and every following WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY
FROM BOSTON.
SAMARIA.....Saturday, Jan. 13, '72
HECLA.....Saturday, Jan. 20, '72
SIBERIA.....Saturday, Jan. 27, '72
ALEPPO.....Saturday, Feb. 3, '72
PARTHIA.....Saturday, Feb. 10, '72
and every following SATURDAY.
RATES OF PASSAGE.

Cabin, $80, $100 and $130, gold, according to accommodation.
Tickets to Paris, $15, gold, additional.
Return tickets on favorable terms.
Steerage.....$30, currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool and Queenstown and all parts of Europe at lowest rates.
Through Bills of Lading given for Belfast, Glasgow, Havre, Antwerp, and other ports on the Continent, and for Mediterranean ports.
For freight and cabin passage apply at the Company's Office, No. 4 Bowling-green.
For steerage passage at No. 111 Broadway, Trinity Building.
CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

NOTICE.—STEAM-SHIP ALGERIA WILL sail TUESDAY, Jan. 16. Passengers embark from Cunard Wharf, foot of Grand-st., Jersey City, at 10 A. M.
C. G. FRANCKLYN,
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Steamers sail every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, to and from
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Calling at Londonderry to land Mails and Passengers. Passengers booked and forwarded to all parts of railway stations in Great Britain, Ireland, Germany, Norway, Sweden or Denmark and America as safely, speedily, comfortably and cheaply as by any other route or line.
THE NEW DEPARTURES.

FROM GLASGOW.	FROM NEW-YORK.
Saturday, Dec. 23.	BRITANNIA. Saturday, Jan. 13
Saturday, Dec. 30.	ANGLIA. Saturday, Jan. 20.
Saturday, Jan. 6.	COLUMBIA. Saturday, Jan. 27.
Saturday, Jan. 13.	AUSTRALIA. Saturday, Feb. 3.

And every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY thereafter from Pier 20 North River, New-York, at noon.
Rates of passage, payable in currency, to Liverpool, Glasgow or Derry:
First cabins, $65 and $75, according to location.
Cabin excursion tickets good for twelve months, securing best accommodations, $130.
Intermediate, $33; steerage, $28.
Certificates at lowest rates, can be bought here by those wishing to send for their friends.
Drafts issued, payable on presentation.
Apply at the Company's offices to
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WHITE STAR LINE.
NEW-YORK, CORK AND LIVERPOOL,
NEW AND FULL-POWERED STEAM-SHIPS,
THE WHITE STAR, LARGEST IN THE WORLD,
6,000 tons burden—3,000-horse power each,
Sailing from New-York on SATURDAYS, from Liverpool on THURSDAYS, calling at Cork Harbor each way.
OCEANIC.....Jan. 13, 6 P. M.
ATLANTIC.....Jan. 20, 1½ P.M.
From the White Star Dock, Pavonia Ferry, Jersey City. Passenger accommodations (for all classes) unrivaled, combining
SAFETY, SPEED AND COMFORT.
Saloon, state-rooms, smoking-room and bath-rooms in midship section, where least motion is felt. Surgeons and stewardesses accompany these steamers.
RATES—Saloon, $80, gold steerage, $30, currency. Those wishing to send for friends from the Old country can now obtain steerage prepaid certificates, $33, currency.
Passengers booked to or from all parts of America, Paris, Hamburg, Norway, Sweden, India, Australia, China, &c.
Excursion-tickets granted at lowest rates.
Drafts from £1 upward.
For inspection of plans and other information, apply at the Company's offices, No. 19 Broadway, New-York.
J. H. SPARKS, Agent.

FOR LIVERPOOL.
(VIA QUEENSTOWN.)
CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAILS.
THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch one of their first-class full power iron-screw steam-ships from PIER NO. 46 NORTH RIVER, EVERY WEDNESDAY,
as follows:
COLORADO, Capt. T. F. FREEMAN, Jan. 17, at 11½ A.M.
WISCONSIN, Capt. T.W. FREEMAN, Jan. 24, at 2½ P. M.
NEVADA, Capt. FORSYTH.....Jan. 31, at 10½ A.M.
WYOMING, Capt. WHITNEY.....Feb. 7, at 2½ P.M.
MINNESOTA, Capt. MORGAN.....Feb. 14, at 10½ A.M.
IDAHO, Capt. PRICE.....Feb. 21, at 2½ P.M.
Cabin passage, $80, gold.
Steerage passage, (Office No. 29 Broadway,) $30, currency.
For freight or cabin passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 63 Wall-st.

NATIONAL LINE.

STEAM TO QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL,
From Pier No. 47 North River.
EGYPT, GROOM, Saturday, Jan. 13, at 7:30 A. M.
ERIN, LAWSON, Saturday, Jan. 20, at 12 M.
Passage to Liverpool, Queenstown, or London direct: Cabin, $75 and $65, currency; steerage, $28 currency.
Prepaid steerage tickets from Liverpool, Queenstown, Londonderry, Glasgow or London, $32 currency.
For further particulars apply at the Company's offices, No. 69 Broadway.
F. W. J. HURST, Manager

INMAN LINE FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.
Royal Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:
CITY OF LONDON.....Saturday, Jan. 13, 8 A.M.
CITY OF ANTWERP.....Saturday, Jan. 20, 2 P. M.
CITY OF BROOKLYN.....Saturday, Jan. 27, 8 A.M.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, Feb. 3, 12 M.
and each succeeding SATURDAY and THURSDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.
RATES OF PASSAGE.

Payable in Gold.	Payable in Currency.
First cabin.....$75	Steerage.....$30
To London.....80	To London.....35
To Paris.....88	To Paris.....38

Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Sweden, Norway and Denmark, at reduced rates.
Tickets can be bought here at moderate rates by persons wishing to send for their friends.
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ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.
THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAM-SHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.
The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River as follows:
WASHINGTON.....ROUSSAN.....Saturday, Jan. 13
VILLE DE PARIS.....SURMONT.....Saturday, Jan. 27
PEREIRE.....DANRE.....Saturday, Feb. 10
ST. LAURENT.....LEMAIRE.....Saturday, Feb. 24
PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD (including wine) TO BREST OR HAVRE.
First cabin.....$125 | Second cabin.....$75
Excursion tickets at reduced rates.
These steamers do not carry steerage passengers.
American travelers going to or returning from the Continent of Europe, by taking the steamers of this line, avoid both transit by English railway and the discomforts of crossing the Channel, besides saving time, trouble and expense.
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PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY'S LINE TO
CALIFORNIA, JAPAN AND CHINA,
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CARRYING MAILS, PASSENGERS AND FREIGHT TO
KINGSTON, JAMAICA, SANTA MARTHA AND GREYTOWN, AND PACIFIC COAST OF MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA, PERU AND CHILI.
Steamers leave 15th and 30th each month, except when those dates fall on Sunday, then the day previous.
Jan. 18.—Steamer RISING STAR, Capt. H. P. CONNER, will leave Pier No. 42 North River, at 12 o'clock noon, for Aspinwall, via Kingston, Jam., and connecting at Panama with steamer MONTANA, A. Capt. ——, touching at Acapulco, Manzanitello and Mazatlan; also connecting for all Central American and South Pacific ports. Freight for last-named ports received until 4 P. M. of Jan.
Steamer CHINA will leave San Francisco, Feb. 1, 1872, for Japan and China. For rates of passage, freight and all further information, apply at Company's office on the pier, foot of Canal-st.
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FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.
UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS calling on the 23d of every month.
MERRIMACK, Capt. WIER.....Jan. 23
ERIE, Capt. E. L. THURLBURGH.....Feb. 21
NORTH AMERICA, Capt. G. B. SLOCUM.....March 23
These splendid steamers sails on schedule time, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagements of freight or passage apply to
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DIRECT LINE TO HAVANA.
HAVANA, PROGRESO AND VERA CRUZ.
New-York and Mexican Mail Steam-ship Line, leaving Pier 17 E. River, at 3 P. M., direct to Havana.
CLEOPATRA, Phillips, (Havana only,) Friday, Jan. 12
CITY OF MERIDA, Deaken.....Tuesday, Jan. 23
CLEOPATRA, Phillips, (Havana only,) Wed., Jan. 31
CITY OF MEXICO, Timmerman.....Monday, Feb. 12
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UNITED STATES MAIL TO HAVANA.
ATLANTIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.
Sailing regularly every THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M., precisely, from Pier No. 4 North River.
MISSOURI, Capt. T. H. MORTON, Jan. 18.
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. R. ADAMS, (via Nassau,) Jan. 25.
CRESCENT CITY, Capt. E. VAN SICE, Feb. 1.
For freight or passage apply to
A. W. DIMOCK, President,
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FOR NASSAU, N. P.
CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.
Atlantic Mail Steam-ship Company's steamer MORRO CASTLE, Capt. R. ADAMS, will sail on THURSDAY, Jan. 25, at 3 o'clock P. M., precisely, from Pier No. 4 North River.
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NOTICE TO TRAVELERS.
Families or gentlemen going to travel on the Continent of Europe, who can afford the expense of a courier, should never leave Paris without one. Their services are invaluable in relieving the traveler from the multiplicity of cares and troubles respecting passports, examination and conveyance of luggage, in securing the best accommodation, in protecting the traveler from imposition and an infinity of annoyances, to which they are exposed in various parts of the Continent. Competent and trustworthy couriers and traveling servants may always be obtained by applying to the COURIER SOCIETY, No. 3 Rue d'Alger, near the Tuileries Garden, Paris.

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CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA AND ATLANTIC AND GULF RAILROAD.
FOUR STEAMERS A WEEK.
TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS.
THE STEAM-SHIPS
MAGNOLIA, Capt. PALMER, SATURDAY, Jan. 13, from Pier No. 8 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
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HUNTSVILLE, Capt. CROWELL, SATURDAY, Jan. 13, from Pier No. 13 North River, at 3 P. M.
R. LOWDEN, Agent,
No. 93 West-st.
VIRGO, Capt. BULKLEY, TUESDAY, Jan. 16, from Pier No. 16 East River, at 3 P. M.
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents,
Nos. 61 and 63 South-st.
HERMAN LIVINGSTON, Capt. CHEESEMAN, THURSDAY, Jan. 18, from Pier No. 39 North River, at 3 P.M. LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents,
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TWO TRIPS A WEEK.
THE NEW AND ELEGANT STEAMER
LIZZIE BAKER
will leave Padelford's Wharf EVERY MONDAY and THURSDAY MORNING, at 10 o'clock for BRUNSWICK AND ST. MARYS, GA.,
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connecting at Jacksonville with BROCK'S LINE OF STEAMERS for Green Cove, Tocoi, Palatka, Enterprise, Mellonville, and other landings on St. John's River.
RETURNING,
will leave Jacksonville TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, at 12 o'clock, M., arriving in Savannah WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS. All intermediate landings touched at both ways, except Darien.
For through tickets apply to agents in New-York of the Savannah steam-ship lines.
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RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

EVERY CHURCHMAN SHOULD TAKE THE CHURCHMAN, which is the leading and largest weekly in the Protestant Episcopal Church.
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THE WAY OUT OF UNBELIEF.—Rev. WM. R. HUNTINGTON, of Massachusetts, will deliver the third lecture in the course of Popular Lectures on Christianity and Modern Thought—subject, *The Way Out of Unbelief*—on SUNDAY EVENING, at Grace Chapel, East 14th-st., opposite the Academy of Music. Seats free.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, WEST 23d-st., between 5th and 6th avs.—Preaching by the Pastor, Rev. R.S. MACARTHUR, every SABBATH at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Strangers provided with seats.

A CANAL-STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, No. 17 Greene-st. SUNDAY, at 10½ A. M., Communion service by Revs. DAVID MITCHELL and JOHN MACNAUGHTON. Evening service, 7½, by Rev. WILLIAM COCHRANE, M. A., Brantford, Ontario. Rev. JOHN MACNAUGHTON will deliver the fifth popular lecture, TUESDAY, 16th inst., at 8 P. M. Subject—*Reformers before the Reformation.*

SABBATH SERMON UPON THE MOTHERHOOD OF GOD, SUNDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, by Rev. CORA L. V. TAPPAN, authoress of *Hesperia, Lyric of the Past and Future of America*, at Tremor's Lyric Hall, 6th-av. and 42d-st. Miss TAPPAN will preach at the same time and place every Sunday evening. Admission free.

A PUBLIC MEETING ON BEHALF of the Harlem Missionary Association will be held at the Church of the Holy Trinity, corner 5th-av. and 125th-st., SUNDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. GEO. J. MINGINS, Rev. JOHN COTTON SMITH, D. D., and others.

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.—Rev. Dr. THOMPSON, of the Reformed Church, will preach a sermon to young men in the Sixteenth-street Baptist Church, 16th-st., near 8th-av., on SUNDAY EVENING, Jan. 17, at 7½. Rev. WM. S. MIKELS, D. D., Pastor, will preach in the MORNING.

A SERMON ON SPIRITUAL PHILANTHROPY will be preached by Rev. P. L. DAVIES, on SUNDAY, at 10½ A. M., at Berean Baptist Church, corner of Downing and Bedford sts., and on Spiritual Co-operation at 7½ P. M. Meetings every night. All are invited.

ALL SOULS' CHURCH, CORNER 4TH-av. and 20th-st.—On SUNDAY, 14th inst., at 10½ A. M., Rev. Dr. BELLOWS will preach. Subject—*Unitarian Views of Christ.* At 7½ P. M., Rev. ROBERT LAIRD COLLIER, of Chicago, will preach. Seats all free in the evening. The public cordially invited.

ALL SAINTS FREE CHURCH, PROTESTANT Episcopal, corner Henry and Scammel sts., New-York.—Divine service SUNDAY at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. The Rector, Rev. WM. M. DUNNELL, will preach on both occasions.

AT APOLLO HALL, BROADWAY AND 28th-st., Mrs. EMMA HARDINGE BRITTEN will speak before the Society of Spiritualists, SUNDAY, at 10½ and 7½ o'clock. Experience-meeting at 2½ P. M. All invited.

AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN FREE CHURCH, New-York University, entrance No. 33 Waverley-place. Rev. CORNELIUS B. SMITH, Minister.—Services at 10½ o'clock A. M. and 7½ P. M. Seats free.

A RELIGIOUS SOCIETY CAN RENT Adelphi Hall, fully furnished, 52d-st. and Broadway, all day SUNDAY. Apply to JOHN H. TRENOR, No. 722 6th-av.

BIBLE QUESTION IN HARLEM.—Rev. OSCAR HUGO, of this City, will preach SUNDAY MORNING in Second Baptist Church, 11th-st., between 3d and 4th avs.; in the EVENING, in the Reformed Church, corner 121st-st. and 3d-av. Subject—*Free Bible vs. Pope's Concordat in this Our Protestant Land.* Mr. HUGO has preached on this subject in over 200 New-York and Brooklyn pulpits.

BROADWAY TABERNACLE CHURCH.—Rev. ROSWELL D. HITCHCOCK, D. D., will preach at 10½ A. M., and Rev. HIRAM MEAD, of Oberlin, at 7½ P. M., on SUNDAY, Jan. 14.

CAN THE BIBLE BE ADMITTED in our public schools without interfering with the rights of conscience? will be the theme of discourse by Rev. T. T. KENDRICK, at the Grand-street Methodist Church, Williamsburg, between 4th and 5th sts., SABBATH EVENING, 7½ o'clock, and *Christ's Kingdom*, at 10½ o'clock A. M. Seats free.

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR, 35TH-st., between 5th and 6th-avs.—Rev. J. M. PULLMAN will commence SUNDAY MORNING a series of discourses of "Things Pertaining to This Life." Subject—*Desire and Limitation.* Evening service as usual.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, 2 south side of West 42d-st., near Broadway.—Rev. FRED. EVANS, Pastor, will preach at 10½ A. M. on *Contend for the Good Old Faith*, and at 7½ P. M. on *Thy Kingdom Come.* Strangers are welcome and provided with comfortable seats.

CHRIST IS COMING!—BISHOP SNOW, of the Church of Mount Zion, will preach in the University, Washington-square, on SUNDAY, at 3 P. M., on the Prophecies, as relating to the speedy glorious Millennial Reign of Christ. Seats free, and Christians cordially invited.

CHRIST CHURCH, 5TH-AV., CORNER 35th-st.—Services as follows: Morning prayer and sermon by Right Rev. THOMAS M. CLARK, Bishop of Rhode Island, at 10½ A. M. Evening prayer and sermon by Rev. W. T. EGBERT, at 7½ P. M.

CENTRAL M. E. CHURCH, 7TH-AV., near 14th-st.—Preaching on SUNDAY, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M., by Rev. ANDREW LONGACRE, Pastor. Trustees in attendance to seat strangers.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, 21st-st., between 5th and 6th avs., Rev. G. F. KROTEL, D. D., Pastor.—Services SUNDAY, 14th inst., at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Sunday-school at 9 A. M.

FIFTY-THIRD-STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, near 7th-av.—Rev. WM. H. PENDLETON will preach in the Fifty-third-street Baptist Church on LORD'S DAY MORNING, 10½, second in the series on *The Annals of Redeeming Love.* In the EVENING, 7½, subject—*How to Prosecute the Journey Heavenward.* Prof. O. M. NEWELL, Musical Director, Organist.

FIRST FREE METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. A. F. CURRY, Pastor.—Preaching on SABBATH next in the Hall, corner 6th-av. and 25th-st., at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. We preach separation from the world, and salvation from sin, as being essential to the true Christian character. Jesus says, "Go and sin no more."

FIVE POINTS MISSION, SITE OF THE Old Brewery, No. 81 Park-st., the original mission at the Points. Rev. J. N. SHAFFER, Superintendent.—Service at 10½ A. M.; preaching at 7½ P. M.; Sunday-school at 9½ A. M., and from 2½ to 4 P. M. Friends of the cause are invited.

FREE RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE and Prayer-meeting at Mohawk Hall, 8th-av. and 16th-st., on SUNDAY MORNING, at 11 o'clock. Opening address by E. F. BREWSTER. Subject—*Communism the Final Order of Society.* This Conference aims to be freely religious, not freely irreligious.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICES.—Preaching by the Pastor, Rev. THOMAS D. ANDERSON, D. D., 10½ A. M. Sermon to young women; 3½, sermon to children; 7½ P. M., Sunday-school concert; Sunday-school, 9 and 2½.

FIVE POINTS' HOUSE OF INDUSTRY, No. 155 Worth-st.—Services are held every SUNDAY, in the chapel, at 3 P. M. Singing by the children. All interested cordially invited.

FRENCH CHURCH DU ST. ESPRIT, 109 West 22d-st., Rev. Dr. VERMES, Rector.—Divine service in French every SUNDAY MORNING at 10½ o'clock.

HARLEM—SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Preaching SUNDAY, Jan 14, by Rev. E. D. MURPHY, at 10½ A. M., and Rev. R. R. BOOTH, D. D., at 7½ P. M., at the new Hall, 125th-st., between 2d and 4th avs. The public cordially invited.

HARLEM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 125th-st., corner 2d-av., Rev. SAMUEL H. VIRGIN, Pastor. Services every SABBATH at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

THE NIGHT COLLEGE FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS
OF THE HOUSE OF THE EVANGELISTS,
(Organized November, 1871.)
All lectures will be delivered in the Cooper Building, 42d-st., between Madison-av. and the Grand Central Depot.
JANUARY, 1872.—Lecturers for the month: Rev. Dr. TYNG, Rev. Howard Crosby, D. D., LL.D., Rev. W. A. Scheibenberg, D. D., Rev. J. H. Vincent, D. D., Rev. George J. Mingins, Rev. Joseph T. Duryea, D. D., R. R. H. McBarney, Esq., W. H. Thomson, M. D. Schedule of lectures for January, 1872: SUNDAY, 14th inst.—Introductory sermon to the second session of 1871-2, by Rev. STEPHEN H. TYNG, D.D., will be delivered in the Church of the Holy Trinity, at 7½ o'clock P. M. To be followed on the first Sunday evening in every month by lectures on *Christian Work in Cities*, TUESDAY, 16th inst.—"Scenery of Bible Lands illustrative of Scripture."—No. 1, Scenery of the Sea of Galilee, by W. H. THOMSON, M. D. THURSDAY, 18th inst.—"Discouragements in Christian Work," by Rev. W. MCILVAINE, D. D., Pastor of St. Luke's Hospital. SATURDAY, 20th inst.—"Cities and their Population," by Rev. GEORGE J. MINGINS, Superintendent of City Missions. TUESDAY, 23d inst.—"How to Study the Bible," by Rev. JOSEPH T. DURYEA, D. D. THURSDAY, 25th inst.—"The Place and Purpose of the Sunday-school," by Rev. J. H. VINCENT, D. D., editor of *Sunday-school Journal*. SATURDAY, 27th inst., "Bird's-eye Views and Materials of Thought in Cities," by Rev. GEORGE J. MINGINS, Superintendent of City Missions. TUESDAY, 30th inst., "Scenery of Bible Lands Illustrative of Scripture."—No. 11, The Sources of the Jordan, by W. H. THOMPSON, M. D. THURSDAY, Feb. 1, prox., "The Young Man's Temptations in New-York, with Suggestions as to how he may be reached," by R. R. MCBURNEY, Esq., Corresponding Secretary of Y. M. C. A. SATURDAY, Feb. 3, prox., "The Instruction Needed Among the People," by Rev. GEORGE J. MINGINS, Superintendent of City Missions. SUNDAY, Feb. 4, prox.—Second lecture in the Course on "Christian Work in Cities," by Rev. HOWARD CROSBY, D. D., LL. D., Chancellor of New-York University. Subject—"How to Get on in Christian Work." The schedule of lectures for February will be issued on Feb. 1 and may be had on application at the College Building. Lectures will begin at 8 o'clock P. M. precisely. The attendance of all Christian workers is invited. Course tickets for the Lectures of the Session may be had, without charge, by any Christian worker on application to Rev. JOHN G. AMES, No. 622 7th-av.; City Mission, No. 50 Bible House; Young Men's Christian Association, 4th-av. and 23d-st.; Evangelical Knowledge Society, No. 2 Bible House; Methodist Episcopal Book-store, Broadway and 11th-st.

GRACE CHAPEL,—SEATS FREE—EAST 14th-st., opposite the Academy of Music.—Services SUNDAY, 14th inst.: 11 A. M., holy communion; 3 P. M., service and sermon in the German language; 7½ P. M., Rev. WM. R. HUNTINGTON. Subject—*The Way Out of Unbelief.*

HARLEM UNITY CHAPEL, 128TH-ST., and 4th-av., Rev. WILLIAM T. CLARKE will preach SUNDAY MORNING, at the usual hour, on *The New Departure*, and in the evening will give a lecture on *The Failure of Unitarianism.* Services at 7½ o'clock. Seats free. The public are invited.

LEXINGTON-AVENUE, M. E. CHURCH, corner 52d-st.—The Pastor, Rev. R. M. STRATTON, will preach SABBATH MORNING at 10½, and in the EVENING at 7½. Evening subject—*The Eighth Commandment.* Sabbath-school at 2 P. M. Prayer-meeting at 6 P. M. Seats free.

MURRAY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH., 40th-st., near Lexington-av.—Services on SABBATH at 10½ A. M., and 7½ P. M. Preaching by the Pastor, Rev. GEORGE S. CHAMBERS.

NEW-YORK ASSOCIATION OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHERS.—Monthly meeting Jan. 15, at 7½ P. M., in Fourth-avenue Presbyterian Church, corner of 22d-st. Speakers, Rev. Dr. C. F. DEEMS, (subject to be announced,) and Rev. WILLIAM LLOYD, of Rochester, on *Spiritual Preparation.* Congregational singing from 7 to 7½ o'clock, led by Mr. PHILIP PHILLIPS.

PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH, 33D-st., west of 8th-av.—Preaching on SUNDAY at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. by the Pastor, Rev. J. SPENCER KENNARD. Sunday-school at 2½ P. M.

REV. GEORGE H. HEPWORTH.—At the invitation of a large number of friends in this City, Mr. HEPWORTH will preach on SUNDAY MORNING, at 10½ o'clock, and on SUNDAY EVENING at 7½ o'clock, in Steinway Hall, in 14th-st. Persons of all denominations are cordially invited. Subject in the Morning—*The True Church of Christ.* In the evening Mr. HEPWORTH will deliver a discourse to the young.

REV. MORGAN DIX, RECTOR OF Trinity Church, will, by request, repeat the Lectures of Lent, 1871, at Trinity Chapel, beginning on SUNDAY, 14th inst., at 7½ P. M. Subject of first lecture—*The Two Estates; that of the Wedded in the Lord, and that of the Single for the Kingdom of Heaven's Sake.*

REV. J. H. RYLANCE, D. D., RECTOR OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH, will deliver a lecture at the Historical Society, 2d-av. and 11th-st., TUESDAY EVENING, 16th, at 8 o'clock. Subject—*Character.* Tickets, 50 cents. Rev. A. E. WASHBURN, D. D., will lecture Jan. 23. Subject—*The Ober-Ammergau Passion Play.*

RIGHT REV. A. N. LITTLEJOHN, D. D., will preach at the Church of the Heavenly Rest (5th-av., above 45th-st.,) on SUNDAY EVENING, 14th inst. Divine service at 7½ o'clock. The usual afternoon service will be omitted. MORNING service at 11 o'clock.

REV. ISAAC WESTCOTT, D. D., WILL preach in Plymouth Church, 51st-st., between 9th and 10th avs., at 10½ A. M., on *The Joy of Salvation Restored*, and at 7½ P. M. Rev. REUBEN WESTCOTT will preach on *The Soul's Redemption.* Sunday-school at 9 and 2 o'clock.

REV. DR. POTTER, OF GRACE CHURCH, will preach in the Church of St. John Baptist, Lexington-av., corner 36th-st., on SUNDAY EVENING, Jan. 14, at 7½ o'clock; seats free. Morning service and communion at 10½. Rev. J. R. DAVENPORT will preach.

REV. MR. LLOYD, OF ROCHESTER, eminent for eloquence, will preach in John-street M. E. Church, between Nassau and William sts., SABBATH MORNING, at 10½; the Pastor, Rev. L. S. WEED, at 7½ P. M. Seats free. Strangers cordially invited.

REV. J. S. ELDER, PASTOR, WILL preach, on SUNDAY, in the Madison-avenue Baptist Church, corner Madison-av. and 31st-st., at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Sunday-school at 9 A. M.; Sunday-school Concert at 3 P. M.

REV. DR. DOWLING, OF NEWARK, (by exchange of pulpits,) will preach at the Antioch Baptist Church, Bleecker, corner Morton, SUNDAY MORNING, and in the EVENING, in the usual hours. All are cordially invited. Seats free.

REV. E. O. FLAGG, D. D., CHURCH of the Resurrection, will preach in the hall corner of 55th-st. and 3d-av., on SUNDAY MORNING at 10½ o'clock. Sunday-school at 2 P. M.

REV. JOHN E. COOKMAN, PASTOR of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, in West 54th-st., near 8th-av., will preach on SUNDAY at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Strangers cordially invited.

REV. STEPHEN H. TYNG, JR., AND Rev. J. HYATT SMITH, will address the Morning Star Sunday-school, No. 130 West 24th-st., SUNDAY at 2½ P. M. Seats free. Public invited.

REV. JOHN LORD WILL DELIVER his great historical lecture on *Moses*, at Association Hall, on SUNDAY EVENING. Doors open at 7 o'clock. All are made welcome to these services.

REV. R. D. NORTHROP WILL PREACH in the West 23d-st. Presbyterian Church, near 7th-av., on SUNDAY MORNING and EVENING, at the usual hours.

REV. F. BROWN WILL PREACH IN THE Cornell Memorial M. E. Church, 76th-st., near 2d-av., at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Seats free.

SEVENTH-STREET M. E. CHURCH, near 3d-av.—Preaching on SABBATH, at 10½ A. M. and 7 P. M., by the Pastor, Rev. C. BACKMAN. PHILIP PHILLIPS will conduct a Sunday-school service of song in the church at 2 P. M., and an address will be delivered by Rev. Mr. LLOYD, a distinguished member of the Wesleyan Conference. All are cordially invited.

SECOND ADVENT CHURCH, COOPER Institute, Room No. 24.—Preaching on SUNDAY by Elder W. N. PILE, at 10½ A. M. and 3 P. M. AFTERNOON subject—*The Coming Reign of Terror; or, The Commune.* All are cordially invited to hear. Seats free.

SECOND CONGREGATIONAL UNITARIAN CHURCH, Church of the Messiah, corner Park-av. and 34th-st.—Rev. LAIRD COLLIER, of Chicago, will preach SUNDAY, Jan. 14, in the morning. Rev. A. D. MAYO, of Cincinnati, in the evening. Services at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M.

SEVENTEENTH-STREET M. E. CHURCH, between 1st and 2d avs.—SUNDAY, 14th inst., Rev. J. S. KILLIS, D. D., will preach MORNING and EVENING. Sermon in the morning to young men, with reference to the death of James Fisk, Jr. Seats free.

ST. THOMAS' CHOIR.—MORE VOICES wanted immediately for the volunteer chorus, especially soprani; singing every TUESDAY EVENING at 8, in the music-room, rear of Church, on 53d-st. and 5th-av. All particulars then and there, or after services.

ST. PAUL'S REFORMED CHURCH, Reservoir-square, 40th-st., between 5th and 6th-avs.—Rev. A. R. THOMPSON, D. D., Pastor. Service every SUNDAY, at 10½ o'clock A. M., and 7½ o'clock P. M. Seats free. Sunday-school at 9 o'clock A. M.

ST. ANN'S FREE CHURCH, 18TH-ST., near 8th-av.—SUNDAY MORNING prayer at 7½; Holy Communion 8 A. M. Rev. Dr. GALLAUDET will preach at 10½ A. M. and 2½ P. M., and for deaf mutes, 7½ P. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Home Chapel, No. 29 [illegible] between Madison and 4th avs.—Service on SUNDAY at 11 A. M. The Rector, Rev. Dr. PRICE, will preach. Seats free.

ST. ANN'S FREE CHAPEL, 18TH-ST., near 8th-av.—At the 7½ P. M. service Rev. JOHN CHAMBERLAIN will preach. Sunday-school at 2 P. M.

"THE HOPE OF THE APPEARING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST".—Preaching on this subject on SUNDAY EVENING at 7½, at the Catholic Apostolic Church, 16th-st., between 6th and 7th avs. To be continued by preaching on the following subjects:
SUNDAY, Jan. 21—*The Calling of the Church.*
Jan. 28.—*The Gifts of the Spirit.*
Feb. 4.—*The Church as She Is and as She Should Be.*

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE OF THE UNITED STATES will conclude the services of the week of prayer by a general missionary meeting in the South Reformed Church, 5th-av. and 21st-st., SUNDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock. Rev. Drs. MUHLENBERG, HALL, ADAMS, ANDERSON, CROOKS, ROGERS and others will take part in the services.

"THE LABORS OF HERCULES, OR THE WORK OF REFORM."—Six of a series of lectures by Rev. CHARLES F. LEE, in Fifth Universalist Church, Chickering Hall, No. 11 East 14th-st., on SUNDAY EVENING. MORNING service at 10½ o'clock.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH, 55TH-st., between 3d and Lexington-avs., Rev. J. STANFORD HOLME, D. D., Pastor.—Services on SUNDAY, Jan. 14. Preaching at 3½ P. M.; Sunday-school and Bible-class at 2 P. M.

THIRTY-FOURTH-STREET BAPTIST MISSION.—GLASS HALL, next to 3d-av. —Preaching by Rev. H. S. DAY at 7½ P. M.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, West 22d-st., between 6th and 7th avs.—Preaching SABBATH MORNING at 10½ by Rev. SAMUEL CARLISLE. Young people's meeting, EVENING at 7½, in Lecture-room. Strangers cordially invited.

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THE RAILROAD MATTER.

Conferring With Com. Vanderbilt as to Fourth-avenue Reforms.

Several Plans Discussed—Sinking the Track Advocated—Mr. Vanderbilt Willing to Do the Right Thing.

The Committee appointed by the combined association of Fourth-avenue property-holders and others, to confer with Mr. VANDERBILT in relation to sinking the track of the Harlem Railroad, waited on that gentleman at his office in the Forty-second-street depot yesterday morning. Among those present were Wheeler H. Peckham, Chairman; Asher Barnett, Secretary; H. C. Van Voorst, Charles Creary, John McCoole, Henry Waterman, J. O. Alston, W. R. Martin, Benj. A. Willis, and Adolph Kessler, M. D.

The conference took place in Mr. VANDERBILT'S private offices, and lasted nearly two hours. Mr. AUGUSTUS SCHELL and another director were also present, as was Mr. W. H. VANDERBILT, who took an active part in the deliberations. The Commodore was extremely cautious and non-committal in all he said. He agreed as to the necessity of adopting some plan to render the road safer to the public, but he would not say what that plan should be, and throughout the whole interview acted on the defensive. All Mr. PECKHAM'S ingenious questionings, carried as far as courtesy would permit, failed to elicit from him any declaration that a plan had been settled upon, or even considered by the Company. Some of the Committee, however, in the course of conversation after the interview, expressed the opinion, founded on certain expressions Mr. VANDERBILT had used, that the subject had really been very fully considered by the Company, supporting this by the argument that if such action had not been already taken, Mr. VANDERBILT would not have been prepared to give his reply, as he unmistakably did, his intention of doing, in the short space of a week.

The proceedings were formally opened by Mr. PECKHAM, acting as spokesman for the Committee. He briefly reviewed the circumstances under which the combined association was formed, and said that the plan on which they had all agreed in reference to the road was to sink the track from Forty-second-street to the Harlem Flats at Ninety-second-street, including a sinking of the inside of the depot and the ground adjacent. Competent engineers had been over the ground, and reported the plan as entirely feasible. The main question was one of cost, and on this there was a diversity of opinion. Some thought the Company should pay all the expense, others that it should be divided with the property-holders whose property would be benefited.

Mr. W. H. VANDERBILT asked if Harlem was represented on the Committee, or did they come with regard to sinking the track to Ninety-second-street only.

Mr. PECKHAM said Harlem was represented, but the Committee had not settled on any plan for that part. It might be a sunken track to Ninety-second-street, and an elevated one beyond. Their main point was to get the Company to settle on a plan satisfactory to the public.

Mr. VANDERBILT—What we want is to get at the best way agreeable to all parties.

Mr. PECKHAM said it did not belong to them to state the plan.

Mr. VANDERBILT—The proper way is to have a consultation of engineers; let them survey the route, and report what could be done.

Mr. PECKHAM—Our talk about this affair has been of the most general description. We can only present a principle. The Company have engineers, and probably there is some general plan settled upon by them.

Mr. VANDERBILT said if there was he knew nothing about it. The matter required careful consideration. In the start it was going to be attended with considerable expense. A number of engineers must be engaged, and they'll charge a heap of money.

Mr. PECKHAM—I understand Mr. CRAVEN has made a thorough examination of the road, and reports there is no difficulty in sinking the track.

The Commodore declared he had not seen any report, and Mr. VANDERBILT, Jr., said that some examination had been made, and one or two plans were thought practicable, but he could not speak positively.

Commodore VANDERBILT—Mr. ALLEN CAMPBELL is a good man, and a skillful one. I should not object to such men getting up a plan. There's no use jangling about it. The thing's got to be done pretty quick—this year. The cost of it is the question.

Mr. PECKHAM—Suppose we engage an engineer, and suppose he presents a plan, costing, say $5,000,000, would the Company accept it?

Mr. VANDERBILT—I don't say it would. It won't take anything that's going to ruin them. We want to satisfy the public, but the difficulty is how to do it.

Mr. PECKHAM—Suppose our plan should cost two millions—would that do?

Mr. VANDERBILT—I can't say it would. I don't believe anything could be done for two millions. Let these men make up a report on a plan, the cost of it, and how the cost of it should be divided.

Mr. VAN VORST objected to the last, as being out of the province of engineers.

Mr. VANDERBILT—Very well, then. Let the engineers make the plan and another committee report on the distribution of the cost.

Mr. PECKHAM—Then we understand that the cost of this improvement is to be borne by the public? You put it on the same plan as opening a street?

Mr. VANDERBILT—I can't say that. We can't say till we know what it's going to cost.

Mr. PECKHAM asked if Mr. VANDERBILT had any plan of his own to which he replied that his plan was to remain as they were; beyond that he was not wedded to any.

Mr. VANDERBILT, Jr., asked if it would not be as well for the public to go under the track as well as over it.

Mr. BARNARD—You can't make this road anything but an intolerable nuisance while the track's above ground. The public wants it to be sunk out of sight. They would not be satisfied with anything else.

Mr. MARTIN—The final test of any plan is the cost. Now the details of it are of no possible interest to the public. The test the public will present to any plan you propose (addressing Mr. VANDERBILT) will be, Is it safe? Does it secure human life? Now I propose that you present a plan, and we will make a reasonable criticism of it. It must come to this in the end.

After some desultory conversation, Mr. PECKHAM presented some drawings of a plan which had been agreed upon by one of the associations represented, but had not received the indorsement of all. It contemplated commencing with a depth of eight feet in the depot, sinking at the rate of one in eighty to Forty-eighth-street, where the track would be twelve feet underground; from that point the track should be arched over. Between Forty-second and Forty-eighth streets, bridges should be built thirty-eight feet in the crossings.

Mr. PECKHAM said the Committee desired it to be understood that they had not adopted this plan or any other. The general sentiment was in favor of having the track covered from the depot. He desired to present the resolution adopted at the general meeting. It embodied all that was desired by the public in relation to the matter. In so far as this plan agreed with that resolution, it was the plan of the Committee; in so far as it didn't, it wasn't.

Mr. VANDERBILT said he would take the resolution and the plan and submit them to the consulting engineers.

The resolution reads as follows:

Resolved, That the general plan of a viaduct railroad from Harlem River over the Flats, and a sunken track, arched and covered over from the termination of the Flats to Forty-second-street, including the sinking of the present depot and all premises in the neighborhood occupied by the Companies, and the moving of all trains by silent signals, and giving to the Companies the exclusive possession of their whole roadway is, in the opinion of this meeting, reasonable, practicable, and should be adopted.

The Franklin Statue.

The following is the official programme of the ceremonies to be observed at the unveiling of the Franklin statue on Wednesday next: A selection of music by Otto's Band; a prayer by Dr. DRESS; the unveiling of the statue by Prof. MORSE and its presentation to the Press and printers (on behalf of ALBERT DE GROOT) by HORACE GREELEY, and its acceptance (on behalf of the printers and Press) by CHARLES C. SAVAGE, President of the Board of Trustees of the New-York Typographical Society. The ceremonies will close with another selection of music by the band.

The Aldermanic Clerkship.

This afternoon a meeting of the Board of Aldermen is to be held, at which it is expected a Clerk to the Board will be elected. Yesterday a good deal of canvassing was carried on in connection with this election, but who is to be the successful candidate was a question which no one would undertake to answer positively.

Doings in the Public Departments.

No event of importance occurred yesterday in and about the City Hall and the public Departments. Controller GREEN was busily engaged at his office discharging the regular duties imposed upon him. During the day he issued certificates of indebtedness for the sum of $15,000, to be used in paying for water-meters. At the Mayor's office Acting Mayor COCHRANE received a large number of visitors, among whom was Senator JAMES O'BRIEN. Mr. VAN NORT, Commissioner of Public Works, had not returned from Albany, whither he had gone to attend to some legislative business in connection with his Department. In the meanwhile the examination into the past management of that Department by Messrs. DAVENPORT and LYON is going on, with what result, however, will not be made known until those gentlemen shall have made to the Committee of Seventy a report of their investigations.

TOTTERING TAMMANY.

Progress of the Rebellion Against the Sachems of the Crumbling Wigwam.

If it be true that "a house divided against itself must fall," dilapidated Tammany is about to have a final crash, and tumble in the last ditch. The Sachems said that the General Committee should not meet in their scalp-decorated hall on Thursday night, but Judge BARNARD stepped in with a potent jimmy, in the shape of a mandamus, and forced open the doors. This was regarded as a great victory for the Genet-Fields party, but it was to be expected that the defeated should take exception, and they were loud in their denunciations of the Judge who had led the General Committee on to victory. Yesterday the principal theme of conversation in all political circles in the City was the result of the council held in the tottering wigwam on Thursday night. The victors in the battle of that occasion, not satisfied with the triumphs then, now have resolved upon a continued course of warfare, and have declared that they will not yield an inch of ground, but will keep up the fight until the Sachems and their adherents are completely routed and driven from the field.

It appears that some of the members of the Tammany Society and Columbian Order have already taken steps to institute an action for the purpose of testing the question as to whether the General Committee election held a few evenings since was legal or not. It is claimed by them that that election was illegal. The papers in the case will, it is expected, be submitted early next week. The action is to be brought before one of the Judges of the Second Judicial District, it being claimed that the Supreme Court Justices in this City are disqualified from adjudicating in the matter.

Tweed and the Senatorship—What He is "Going to Do About It."

TWEED was at his office in Duane-street, as usual, yesterday, and advertised to his friends that he could be found at the same place today. The inaction of the Senate in the filling up of committees, and the fact of that body not making any unanimous and strong expression of opinion against TWEED'S right to a seat in the Legislature, is regarded by his friends here as favorable to him.

Nothing is felt to be certain at present, however, in the political world, and TWEED, according to good authority, is not disposed to risk the humiliation of expulsion until he has more assurance that the ice he is to venture upon will not break beneath him. When he is once sure that he will not be expelled from the Senate, he will go to Albany and take his seat. At present he does not know what he is "going to do about it."

Of one thing his friends have no doubt; if he becomes convinced that he is to be expelled, he will resign his Senatorship. He is now busily engaged in arranging his private affairs, probably preparatory to quietly getting out of the reach of justice should all his schemes for remaining in New-York and enjoying his plunder prove abortive.

Morgan Jones Locks Himself Up in Ludlow-Street Jail—He Soon Tires of that Institution and Wants to Get Out.

Ex-Congressman MORGAN JONES yesterday surrendered himself to Sheriff BRENNAN, at the latter's office, upon the suit for slander instituted by Deputy Sheriff MARTIN S. KEESE. Mr. JONES, it will be remembered, was allowed by the Sheriff from Thursday until yesterday to get the $1,000 bail necessary, although he very strangely requested on Thursday that he might be locked up. When he presented himself at the Sheriff's office yesterday forenoon he reiterated this demand, though urged by the Sheriff to procure the bail which, to a man of JONES' wealth, was an easy matter. He said he would make no effort in that kind, and, accordingly, at about 12 o'clock he was taken in the custody of Deputy Sheriff BOLAND to the jail, where he was confined until 4 P. M., when, having evidently seen enough of that famous institution, he condescended to procure the security asked for, and was liberated.

His bondsmen, who qualified in $2,000, were Assemblyman JAMES HAYES and Mr. JOHN PYNE, book-seller.

Connolly's Wanderings.

CONNOLLY is still in New-York or environs, and his friends say has no intention of flight from his adopted country. Since his release from Ludlow-street Jail he has spent a few days in West Chester, has visited his nephew, CHAS. M. CONNOLLY'S, house at Fort Washington, has been accessible to friends at his mansion in Park-avenue, and has been many times in consultation with his counsel.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

A Woman Accidentally Shot by Her Employer.

At an early hour yesterday morning JAMES W. HUNTER, who keeps a liquor-store at Nos. 74 and 76 Fulton-street, while in a fit of delirium, shot Mrs. MARY BROWN, a woman of about thirty-five years of age, who has been in his employ as housekeeper. On Thursday he was very much intoxicated all day, and at night went to sleep, but awoke late in the evening, and going into his store, remained there until after it was closed by his son. About 2 o'clock yesterday morning Mrs. BROWN, knowing his condition, felt alarmed, and went down to the office door, which she found closed, but hearing HUNTER'S heavy breathing, she knocked. HUNTER started from his sleep, and, without warning, fired a pistol at the door, the ball passing through and taking effect in Mrs. BROWN'S abdomen. HUNTER at once discovered what he had done and rushed out for assistance, bringing in Dr. JOHNSON, who ordered the wounded woman's removal to her bed, and expressed hopes for her recovery.

During the day yesterday it was reported that Mrs. BROWN was in a dying condition, and Coroner WHITEHILL impaneled a jury and took the following ante-mortem examination: She testified to the facts as given above, and said:

"I think it was a misunderstanding on his part so far as shooting me, he thinking that some one had broken into the store, as I had not spoken previously to making the noise, and there was but one gas-light burning in the store at the time; it was nearly turned down, making a very dim light."

After a short deliberation, the jury returned the following verdict:

"That MARY BROWN came to her wounding by a pistol-shot fired by JAMES W. HUNTER at said MARY BROWN, at No. 76 Fulton-street, Brooklyn, on the 12th day of January, 1872."

HUNTER was then committed to jail to await the result of the injuries. The physicians express little hope of her recovery.

A Man's Head Blown to Atoms by the Explosion of a Beer Barrel.

Yesterday morning a terrible accident occurred in the Long Island Brewery, on Powers, near Bergen-street, by which FRANK GILRAM, an employe in the establishment, had his head blown to pieces by the explosion of a beer barrel. GILRAM and MICHAEL QUINN were engaged in cleaning barrels, which is done by filling the vessel with hot water and slacked lime, and then rolling it about in order to generate the gases. While they were thus engaged, a barrel which they were rolling exploded with a loud report, and hurling the fragments in every direction. One of the pieces struck the head of GILRAM, severing it from the body, and dashing it against the beams of the room so violently that it was crushed into a mass of blood, flesh and bone. QUINN was hurled to the distance of about twenty feet, where he laid in an insensible condition, but was not seriously injured. GILRAM resided at No. 64 Union-street, and leaves a wife and children.

Run on a German Savings Bank in the Eastern District.

A meeting of the creditors of Messrs. JOHN SCHNEIDER and ALTENBRANDT BROTHERS, brewers in Williamsburg, who failed for a large amount, a few days ago, was held on Thursday morning, when it was stated that the German Savings Bank was also involved. Immediately, there was a rush for the bank, No. 92 Montrose-avenue, and a run commenced. Payments were promptly made up to the closing of the bank, and were renewed yesterday. The Trustees state that the brewers above named have no connection with the bank whatever. They say they have a surplus of $32,000, and their deposits are secured in bonds and mortgages in Brooklyn, all of which are first-class.

Raid on a "Pure Country Milk Factory."

Mr. HENRY BERGH'S officers made a raid, yesterday, on the milk-depots at Flatbush and East New-York, where the sheds were found to contain cows in a most deplorable condition and filthy in the extreme. It was discovered that they had been fed on sour swill and spoiled fish. Five were found without any tails.

Brief Notes.

The annual report of the Treasurer of Plymouth Church shows the receipts to have been $67,610 99, and the expenses $60,110 99.

The Water Commissioners have resolved to expend $16,000 for the purpose of testing water-meters, instead of $60,000, as authorized by the last Legislature.

The Russian naval officers yesterday visited Public Schools Nos. 15 and 11, under the escort of E. J. WHITLOCK, President of the Board of Education, and several members.

THE RING FRAUDS.

An Important Statement by the General Sessions Grand Jury.

How they are Hampered by the Oyer and Terminer Jury—They Ask an Explanation of Judge Ingraham—A Protest Against His Action.

The Grand Jury entered the Court of General Sessions yesterday, at noon. The foreman, LUCIUS S. COMSTOCK, addressing the Court, said: We have no indictments to present to your Honor this morning, but we have a subject under consideration in the Grand Jury room that we consider important, which we propose to present to the Court, and through the Court to the public Press. If your Honor will permit, the Secretary will read the paper.

Judge BEDFORD—Certainly.

The Secretary proceeded to read the following paper:

To Hon. Gunning S. Bedford, City Judge:

YOUR HONOR: That our present position as the Grand Inquest of this Court may be fully understood by this Court and our fellow-citizens, we desire respectfully to state as follows:

We were impaneled as a Grand Jury of the Court of General Sessions of the City of New-York on the first Monday of November last, since which date to the present (excepting election week and a few other working days) we have been constantly engaged on the public business, and to the material damage of the private interests of many of us, having had our time extended thrice by your Honor. We have passed upon 250 ordinary cases that have reached us through committing Magistrates, and have found no less than 200 indictments in such cases. Early in our session we were especially charged by your Honor with the investigation of the well known municipal frauds of officers and others upon public funds. We have examined such cases, finding them involving over $15,000,000 loss to the tax-payers of this City—frauds more gigantic and desperate than ever before known in any civilized community. Extraordinary cases require extraordinary remedies, and we now think it proper to inquire if we are to be defeated in our efforts to do justice to the public and the accused, and to lose all the benefits of the intricate and perplexing labors we have performed. Beside examining a great number of witnesses, we have corresponded with some 300 banks, bankers, savings institutions, railroad companies and brokers, in order to trace the stolen funds. In the midst of our work we were met by the following law, passed last Winter:

A Grand Jury may be impaneled in the Court of Oyer and Terminer and another in the Court of General Sessions, and may sit at and during the same time; but in such case the Grand Jury of the Court of General Sessions shall only act upon such matters as shall have been heard before a committing magistrate, and shall have been submitted by the District-Attorney.

A Grand Jury in the Court of Oyer and Terminer was just then impaneled, and all our fraud cases having originated with us, and not having been heard by a committing magistrate, we were then exactly in the position contemplated by this act. The first questions we asked ourselves were: Had this law been made in anticipation of this very investigation? How should we avoid its consequences? Was the Court of Oyer and Terminer likely to insist upon the continuance of their jury to the destruction of all we had done? We shall leave others to answer these questions after we state the following facts:

First—It was plain that had we proceeded the usual term of a Grand Jury, and had we indicted the accused without having discovered this law, any Judge having jurisdiction would, on motion, be expected by the accused to quash every indictment at once. We therefore refused, by notice to this Court, to proceed to finish these cases until the other jury should be discharged, and your Honor fully acquainted in this course.

Second—We offered to act upon all cases that would otherwise go to the other jury, and thereby remove all necessity for this continuance, and so notified the Court and the District-Attorney, who thus informed the other jury. The impression was wrong that this jury had not the right to indict in the election-fraud cases. Either Grand Jury has equal jurisdiction for indictment, though the trial must be in the Oyer and Terminer.

Third—The case was stated to the Justice holding the Oyer and Terminer, and he was asked when his jury would be discharged. No satisfactory answer was obtained; his jury held over the holidays, from Christmas to the New-Year—an incident never before known in its history.

That jury is now adjourned to next week, and can be continued to February, when the same Court is entitled to impanel another Grand Jury, and hold it together during the February term of the Court, at the end of the February term another jury may be impaneled for the next term, or the last jury hold over, and so on *ad infinitum*, thus preventing the action of this or any other Grand Jury of this Court in these fraud cases which it is impracticable to bring first before a "committing Magistrate." We ask, then, in this most public manner, "How long is this to last? Are the ends of justice in cases of such magnitude to be thus defeated? Are our fellow-citizens satisfied that our attempts to aid in bringing the authors of these frauds to punishment are thus to end?"

Relying on the frank and decided manner in which your Honor has on every occasion met our wishes when we have required more time, we now ask at your hands (should the Oyer and Terminer persist in holding this legal obstruction in our way) such additional extension of time as will enable us to bring to a proper conclusion the work which has been attended with such sacrifices to ourselves, and by means of which we hope to further the cause of justice and contribute some influence toward the prevention of similar robberies of the Treasury of this City for a long time to come.

LUCIUS S. COMSTOCK, Foreman Grand Jury.
JOHN H. DRAPER, Secretary.

Judge BEDFORD, amid profound silence, responded as follows:

MR. FOREMAN AND GENTLEMEN OF THE GRAND JURY: I have listened with attention to your statement this moment read by your Secretary, Mr. JOHN DRAPER. In reply I tell you that if, on the 27th day of January, the day on which your present extension will expire, you gentlemen come into this Court and state for the furtherance of the ends of justice you ask for a further extension of time, not only you, gentlemen, but the community at large, may rest assured that your request will be granted without the slightest hesitation. You may now proceed.

The Grand Jury then retired from the Court-room.

The Murder of James Fisk.

Coroner YOUNG yesterday delivered to the District-Attorney the record of the inquest in the case of JAMES FISK, JR., and also the pistol said to have been used by STOKES, with the other articles taken from him at the time of his arrest. The record is a very voluminous document, as all the evidence was taken down literally by the stenographic reporter and afterwards written out by him at length. Coroner YOUNG claims that in delivering this record he is only adhering to the long-established practice of the Coroner's Office.

The grand Jury of the General Sessions yesterday subpœnaed witnesses for an investigation into the case. Drs. FISHER and TRIPLER, the physicians who attended FISK immediately after he was shot, and HART and REDMOND, the two bell-boys of the Grand Central Hotel, were among those summoned.

EDWARD S. STOKES still preserves his equanimity, and receives the friends who visit him in the same easy manner which has hitherto distinguished him. Yesterday he was visited by his father, brother and counsel, holding a long consultation with the latter.

The vendors of photographs on the sidewalks, and the illustrated papers seem determined not to let the public interest in the tragedy subside. Down-town one meets, on almost every side, the portraits of the three principal actors in the case.

Suicide of a Young Austrian.

Thursday evening VICTOR NICOLETS, aged twenty-two years, was found dead in his room at No. 155 Eldridge-street, having committed suicide by taking cyanide of potassium. On a table in his room was found a note addressed to his cousin, from whom he hired the apartment, which read: "Make no noise about my death, and send no word to Vienna." No cause for the deed could be imagined except poverty. It was shown that deceased, who is the son of a wealthy banker of Vienna, came to this City two years ago, and found extreme difficulty in obtaining employment, although he was highly educated. He finally obtained a situation in a card manufactory in William-street, but he left this place two weeks ago and was afterward idle.

Arrival of the Algeria—Welcome to Hon. James Brooks—John C. Heenan.

The steam-ship *Algeria*, which arrived at this port yesterday, eight days overdue, encountered violent head winds and heavy seas. She sustained no damage, however, and was not driven from her course. Her progress was very slow, and on Jan. 6, having but 300 tons of coal on board and the weather being bad, she put into St. Johns, N. F. There more coal was taken in, and her voyage to this port was completed without further mishap.

Hon. JAMES BROOKS was a passenger on the *Algeria*, and his friends left the City yesterday morning on board the *Henry Smith*, with a band of music, to welcome back the honorable gentleman after his recent travels. The *Smith* kept company with the *Algeria* from the Narrows to Quarantine, when the party were invited to the *Algeria*, and there welcomed Mr. BROOKS. Ex-Mayor GUNTHER acted as Chairman of the Committee. Mr. BROOKS, it is said, will leave for Washington on Monday.

Mr. JOHN C. HEENAN also arrived by this vessel, having crossed the Atlantic, he says, expressly to refute the charges against him as being connected with the voucher robbery.

JERSEY CITY FINANCES.

The City to Borrow from One to Four Millions of Dollars—Bonds to Bear Interest in Gold.

Jersey City, by the assumption of the debts of Hudson and Bergen Cities at the time of the consolidation, has had its finances thrown into a condition which has since been a source of continual difficulty.

An effort is now to be made to issue a sufficient amount of long bonds, at a low rate of interest, to at once do away with the difficulties heretofore existing, and place the finances of the city in a good condition. To aid in effecting this the First National Bank of Jersey City has come forward with a proposition to loan the city $1,000,000 in cash, upon bonds to run thirty years, paying an annual interest of six per cent. in gold, the bonds to be taken at ninety-two and one-half per cent. of their face. This offer was made after consultation with members of the Board of Finance and Taxation, and upon their recommendation, with the condition that if the city should find it desirable to borrow $2,000,000 additional upon the same terms the bank should have the privilege of taking them.

A special act will be brought before the Legislature, authorizing the new issue, when the demand bonds will be immediately taken up.

By this plan the Board expects to place the city in a better condition than it has ever before been, and better enable the Board of Works to finish the improvements now being carried out.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

Gen. N. V. MCMAHAN is at the Metropolitan.

Gen. FITZ HENRY WARREN, of Iowa, is at the Hoffman.

Hon. JOHN BOYLE, of London, is at the Clarendon.

Hon. ROSWELL HART, of Roobester, is at the Gilsey House.

Hon. E. M. MADDEN, of Middletown, is at the St. James.

Judge J. C. GREENE, of Troy, is at the Grand Central.

The Capt. Deely Reform Association met last evening and enrolled several new members.

Judge BAYARD, of New-Jersey, and Gen. A. K. MCCLURE, of Philadelphia, are at the Astor House.

JOHN B. GOUGH will lecture at the Cooper Institute on Monday evening on "Eloquence and Orators."

WILLARD PARKER, M. D., will lecture at the Cooper Institute this evening on "Our Bodies, and Their Use."

"Moses" is the subject of a lecture to be delivered on Sunday evening, in Association Hall, by Rev. JOHN LORD.

Hon. A. B. READING, of; Mobile Hon. L. S. HUNTINGTON, of Montreal, and Hon. JOHN N. TIFFT, of Buffalo, are at the New-York Hotel.

Hon. D. J. MORRELL, of Pennsylvania, Hon. R. M. POMEROY, of Boston, and Hon. W. J. WARNER, of Cleveland, are at the St. Nicholas.

JOS. WITSCHELLER, a German carpenter, yesterday fell off the Third-avenue Railroad depot and fractured his skull. Taken to Bellevue Hospital.

OSCAR LAMLAIR yesterday fell from the masthead of the pilot-boat *James Avry* No. 9, and was severely injured. He was taken to the Park Hospital.

The steam-ship *Oceanic*, of the White Star line, having been fitted with a new propeller since her recent hazardous voyage, sails again for Liverpool today.

The following are the specie shipments by the steamers sailing for Europe today: *Weser*, $200,000, mostly silver; *City of London*, $250,000, of which $160,000 is gold.

ELIZA CALLAHAN last evening fell on the stove at No. 124 Charlton-street and was severely burned, as was also Mrs. MARY CALLAHAN in attempting to rescue her.

In the case of FLIESCHEL against MASON, involving the responsibility of a collision on the drive of the Central Park, the jury yesterday brought in a verdict for plaintiff for $900.

Rev. DAVID MITCHELL, pastor of the Canal-street Presbyterian Church, lectured last evening in the Sunday-school in Fifteenth-street. He treated of natural history, botany and physiology.

This evening, at the Cooper Institute, the International Working Men's Society will discuss the question, "Should the principles of the International Society be encouraged by the American people?"

Congressman WM. H. BARNUM, of Syracuse; Hon. HAMILTON HARRIS, of Albany; Ex-Congressman T. D. DAVIS, of Syracuse, and Hon. H. G. FANT, of Washington, are at the Fifth-avenue.

MICHAEL J. MURPHY, who was charged with secreting two Post-office letters, was discharged yesterday by Commissioner SHIELDS, the evidence being insufficient to warrant his committal.

The run still continues on the Third-avenue Savings Bank, though nothing like the excitement is visible now that was to be seen last week. Yesterday, the tenth day of the run, $75,000 were drawn out.

The German-American Reform Association of the Twentieth Assembly District, have elected an Executive Committee of twenty-four, and twenty-nine delegates to the Central Reform Committee. The Association numbers nearly 1,500 members.

The children of the shantees around Sixty-eighth-street and Broadway yesterday enjoyed a festival at the Park School. Rev. C. L. BRACE, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. TAYLOR and a large number of ladies were present.

The Callender case was resumed yesterday before Commissioner OSBORN. Mr. FANCHER, one of the Directors of the Ocean Bank, testified that Mr. CALLENDER made an examination of the bank by his direction.

At Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday, JOHN FERGUSON, of No. 502 West Fourteenth-street, was committed to await the result of injuries inflicted on HENRY WALKER, whom he struck on the head with a tumbler.

Yesterday was the day appointed by the Democratic Reform General Committee for enrollment. The polls were open from 6 to 10 o'clock, and in the majority of the districts many names were added to the rolls.

In the University Chapel last night, Mr. BERNARD ROELKER lectured on "The Laws Regarding the Rights of Married Women to Property in the Different States of Europe, Compared with those in the United States of America."

The investigation into the charges against Harbor-Master HART was resumed yesterday. FREDERICK CASHMAN, a wharfinger, testified to interference on the part of Mr. HART with the charges for berths on Piers Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

The Fifth Assembly District Council of the Union League of America last evening elected officers. Resolutions strongly indorsing the action of the Committee of Seventy were adopted, and ordered to be sent to the NEW-YORK TIMES for publication.

In the case of WILLIAM O'KELL, convicted of receiving stolen Government bonds, from which an appeal had been taken, the General Term of the Supreme Court has rendered a decision adverse to all the points raised, and has affirmed the judgment of conviction.

The forty-fifth annual meeting of the subscribers to the Northern Dispensary was held last evening. Over 18,000 patients were treated during the past year. The disbursements were $4,564, and the subscription and income $4,868. The old Board of Trustees were re-elected.

Yesterday, before Judge BEDFORD, JOHN CONNERS, charged with burglary, was sentenced to State Prison for five years; WM. HORTON was sent to the House of Refuge under a charge of grand larceny, and PATRICK LEE, same offense, to State Prison for one year.

The Alumni of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity in this City will meet at Delmonico's next Tuesday evening, for the purpose of forming a permanent organization. The call for the meeting is signed by John Taylor Johnson, Daniel Lord, Jr., William Taylor, Hooper C. Van Vorst, William Allen Butler, Morgan Dix, H. B. Opdyke, and many other distinguished gentlemen.

GEORGE BOORE and MARIE MARUE were detected, yesterday, in the act of hiding a box containing the dead body of an infant among some rubbish at Pier No. 14 East River. They were arrested, and an inquest was held, when it was found that the child had been still-born, and the prisoners being poor and ignorant, had attempted to bury the remains secretly. They were discharged.

A committee of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday adopted the memorial to Congress, asking for the passage of a bill to authorize the appointment of Shipping Commissioners by the Judges of the United States Circuit Courts, to superintend the shipping and discharge of seamen engaged in merchant ships belonging to the United States, and for the further protection of seamen. It will be presented to the Chamber at the special meeting called for next Thursday.

LONG ISLAND.

Woodhaven is to have gas, which will be supplied by a main from the Williamsburg Gas-works.

On Monday evening there will be a meeting of the residents of Babylon to devise ways and means for providing a fire department.

The body of JOSEPH FOWLER, of North Hempstead, who died recently under suspicious circumstances, has been exhumed and portions of it given to *Prof.* DRAPER to analyze.

Lieut.-Commander OSCAR F. STATON, United States Navy, a native of Sag Harbor, who has been home on leave of absence for the last few weeks, has received orders to join the steamer *Monocacy*, now in Chinese waters.

A New-York sporting club has purchased the house of WILLIAM PAYNE, on the Shinnecock Hills, near Bowery Bay. They propose converting it into a club-house, to be used as a rendezvous for hunting purposes.

NEW-JERSEY.

The fair for the benefit of the Sisters' Hospital, at Paterson, netted $8,726.

JAMES HAYDEN, a canal-boat employe, living in Elizabeth, has been missing since Wednesday, and it is supposed has been drowned.

The County and State taxes due from Hudson County are very much in arrears, $327,920 of the former, and $191,648 of the latter remaining unpaid.

THOMAS MITCHELL, seventy-five years old, was killed at the Green-street crossing of the New-Jersey Railroad, in Jersey City, on Thursday night.

STEPHEN D. LARZEE was arrested at Newark, on Thursday evening, on a charge of abducting a child while returning from school on Thursday.

The bridge over the Passaic River, on the Newark and Jersey City Plank road, was yesterday run into by a vessel, and so badly damaged as to render travel impossible.

A new clock has been placed in the tower of the Second Presbyterian Church, at Rahway, and the first time it struck on Thursday the entire Fire Department turned out, thinking it an alarm of fire.

Sheriff REMHARDT, of Hudson County, yesterday committed to the State Prison the following convicts: JOHN VAN SLYCK, six months; EDWARD FITZGERALD, eighteen months, and JOHN WEBER, six months.

The Hudson County Board of Freeholders have declined to pass the bills of County Physician FRENDERGAST. Twenty-five dollars was the price charged for examinations where no inquest was thought necessary.

A new charter is to be applied for by the citizens of South Orange. Heretofore the town authorities have not been able to build a prison or collect fines, and their powers in other respects have been very insufficient.

The Middlesex County Board of Freeholders has offered a reward of $1,000 for the detection and conviction of the persons who broke into the jail at New-Brunswick, on Dec. 17, and attempted the rescue of EDWARDS, the bank-robber.

A Hudson County Justice of the Peace suspected his servant girl of theft, and his wife appeared before her husband, made a charge and swore out a search warrant. The property alleged to have been stolen was found and the girl dismissed.

Two dwelling-houses at Metuchin were burned on Thursday evening. The houses were both new, and were occupied by Mr. GILBERT, Treasurer of the New-York Continental Life Insurance Company, and a Mrs. REID. The loss, amounting to about $14,000, is nearly covered by insurance.

Adjt.-Gen. STRYKER has issued an order making Major-Gen. RUNYON commandant of the escort to Gov. PARKER, at the inauguration, on Tuesday next. The Third and Sixth Regiments N. J. S. N. G. will take part in the parade, and the Third Battalion has been selected as the guard of honor.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Elizabeth has had a very interesting and profitable course of lectures during the present season. They have had Dr. Tiffany, Prof. Raymond, John B. Gough, Prof. Richards, D. R. Locke, ("Nasby;") Geo. Vandenhoff, and Miss Anna Dickinson. Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER is to deliver an extra lecture on Monday or Tuesday next, on "The Redemption of the Ballot." GEO. W. CURTIS is to deliver the closing lecture Feb. 7.

ARMY AND NAVY RECORD.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Commander Charles S. Norton, ordered to duty as Light-house Inspector of the Sixth Light-house District; Capt. R. T. Renshaw, detached as Inspector of the Sixth Light-house District and ordered to the command of the *Worcester*, relieving C. H. B. Caldwell, who awaits orders; Assistant Surgeon A. F. McGruder, from the *Iroquois*, awaiting orders; Boatswain Thomas S. Collier, ordered to the naval station at New-London, Conn.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Jan. 12.—The United States steam sloop-of-war *Marion* arrived at the Navy-yard today from Norfolk.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Jan. 12—11½ A. M.—Consols opened at 93 for both money and the account. United States 5-20 Bonds, 1862s, 91⅛; 1865s, old, 93; 1867s, 93; 10-40s, 92.

1¼ P. M.—Consols, 92¾@93 for both money and the account.

5 P. M.—Consols closed at 92¾ for both money and the account. United States 5-20 Bonds, 1862s, 91⅝; 1865s, old, 93⅛; 1867s, 93⅛; 10-40s, 91⅜.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—The specie in the Bank of France has decreased 1,900,000f. during the week. Rentes, 86f. 20c.

FRANKFORT, Jan. 12—A. M.—United States 5-20 Bonds opened at 93@93⅛ for the issue of 1862.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 12—10½ A. M.—COTTON—The market opened strong; Middling Orleans, 10¾d.@10¾d.; Middling Orleans, 10¾d.@10¾d. The sales of the day are estimated at 15,000 bales. Sales on ship named at Savannah or Charleston have been made at 10 11-16d. for Middling. The sales of the week have been 184,000 bales, of which 14,000 were taken for export, and 59,000 for speculation. The stock in port is 552,000 bales, of which 192,000 are American. The receipts of the week have been 101,000 bales, including 66,000 American. Actual export, 9,000 bales.

1½ P. M.—COTTON—The market is active and firmer; Middling Uplands, 10¾d.; Middling Orleans, 10¾d. The sales of the day are now estimated at 25,000 bales, including 8,000 for speculation and export. Sales of Cotton on ship named at New-Orleans have been made at 10¾d. for Middling. The stock of Cotton at sea-bound to this port is 329,000 bales, including 138,000 American.

2 P. M.—BREADSTUFFS—The market is quiet. WHEAT, 12s. 9d. ₰ cental for California White; 11s. 8d.@11s. 9d. for No. 2 Red Western Spring, and 12s. for Red Winter. The receipts of Wheat for the past three days have been 15,000 quarters, including 5,000 American.

5 P. M.—COTTON—The market closed active and firmer; Middling Uplands, 10¾d.; Middling Orleans, 10¾d. The sales of the day have been 25,000 bales, including 8,000 bales for export and speculation. TRADE REPORT—The market for Yarns and Fabrics at Manchester is firmer and better prices are realized.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—TALLOW—49s. 6d. 2650s. ₰ cwt. WHALE-OIL firmer at £37 ₰ ton. SPERM-OIL—£92 ₰ ton. Spirits PETROLEUM—14d. @15d. ₰ gallon.

ANTWERP, Jan. 12.—PETROLEUM—47¼f. for fine Pale American.

Movements of Ocean Steamers.

FOR EUROPE.

City of London	Jan. 13	New-York	Liverpool.
Britannia	Jan. 13	Ne -York	Glasgow.
Weser	Jan. 13	New-York	Bremen.
Washington	Jan. 13	New-York	Havre.
Egypt	Jan. 13	New-York	Liverpool.

Closing of Foreign Mails at Post-Office.

SATURDAY.

For Europe, via Queenstown, by the *City of London*, at 5 A. M.....For Germany, via Bremen, by the *Weser*, at 11 A. M.....For France, via Brest, by the *Washington*, at 5 A. M.

Closing of Domestic Mails.

North, Poughkeepsie Way.....5 A. M.; 2 P. M.
North, through via H. R. R. R. and New-York Central.....5 A. M.; 4:00, 9 P. M.
North Way, via Harlem R. R.....8 A. M.; 2 P. M.